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Single junior servicemembers forced into restricted call plan

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Philippine protesters display signs as they march toward the Presidential Palace in Manila on Monday to demand that the government pull the country's small contingent of peacekeepers out of Iraq to save the life of Filipino truck driver Angelo dela Cruz. Dela Cruz was taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents who earlier threatened to kill him unless the government agrees to an early troop withdrawal from Iraq, but they apparently have extended the deadline until Tuesday.

Marching for Angelo

Philippine protest urges government to pull out of Iraq in wake of hostage crisis

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States

Arizona wildfires: A handful of the residents evacuated from nearly 100 homes threatened by wildfires were allowed back into their communities Monday to survey the damage, officials said. About 10 residents eager to tour charred areas of Mount Graham were escorted by U.S. Forest Service officials and sheriff's deputies, said Forest Service spokesman Sam Whitted. The group was to report their findings to the other homeowners, he said. Firefighters have said no homes were destroyed but there may be minor damage to some of the houses and property.

Morgan Stanley sex discrimination suit: Wall Street brokerage Morgan Stanley on Monday settled a sex discrimination suit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for \$54 million.

In its lawsuit, the EEOC alleged a pattern of discrimination that denied scores of women promotions and gave higher salaries to less productive men. Morgan Stanley is to implement "far-reaching" measures to enhance the role of women in its work force.

Anthrax cleanup: The former headquarters of a supermarket tabloid was declared clean of anthrax spores Monday, almost three years after it became the first target in a series of deadly attacks.

At 7:30 a.m., the cleanup crew stopped pumping a chemical into the American Media Inc. building in Boca Raton, Fla., to kill anthrax spores, said Karen Cavanagh, chief operating officer of BioONE and Salvage Technical Services, which led the project.

The cleanup is followed by thousands of tests to ensure the building is safe before a quarantine is lifted. That process normally lasts about six to eight weeks, Cavanagh said.

Lea Fastow sentence: Lea Fastow, the wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow, reported to a strict federal prison in Houston on Monday, not the prison camp for women she had hoped for, to begin serving a yearlong sentence for a misdemeanor tax crime.

The 42-year-old real estate and grocery heiress pleaded guilty in May, admitting that she helped her husband hide money from financial schemes that fueled the one-time energy giant's December 2001 failure.

World

Kashmir violence: Guerrillas chopped off the ears, nose and tongue of a teenage girl they suspected of helping police Monday, while other violence in Indian-controlled



Srebrenica massacre: A Bosnian Muslim woman cries Sunday during the funeral for 338 victims of the Srebrenica massacre in the memorial center of Potocari near Srebrenica, north of Sarajevo. Up to 10,000 Bosnians gathered for the funeral of the newly identified bodies of Muslims killed in the worst massacre of civilians since World War II. The slayings of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys in July 1995 in Srebrenica at the hands of the Bosnian Serbs have come to symbolize Bosnia's devastating war, which lasted more than three years.

Kashmir left at least eight people dead, authorities said.

The girl was held captive for eight days before the rebels abandoned her in a field outside the village of Manoh, about 190 miles southwest of Srinagar, the capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state, a police statement said.

Madrid bombings suspect: Spanish police have arrested a new suspect in connection with the Madrid rail bombings, a court official said Monday.

The man was arrested in Leganes, a small town close to Madrid where seven other suspects in the March 11 attacks blew themselves up to avoid arrest on April 3.

Running of the bulls: Several runners were injured Monday in the sixth running of the bulls at this year's San Fermín festival in northern Spain.

Along the 930-yard route from starting corral to the bull ring, a number of runners in the annual festival honoring Pamplona's patron saint were trampled or crushed against wooden barricades or buildings close to the street.

Minister suspension: The Danish govern-

ment upheld Monday a decision by a state Lutheran church bishop to suspend a minister who publicly denied the existence of God, opening the way for him to be fired or fined.

The Rev. Thorkild Grosbøll, a pastor in the town of Taarbæk, outside Copenhagen, was suspended by the bishop of his diocese on June 10 following a sermon in which he said that "God had abdicated."

On Monday the nation's justice minister backed Grosbøll's suspension and said his case would be taken up by a disciplinary labor court consisting of two theologians and a presiding judge.

Afghan explosion: An elderly man wounded by a bomb in a western Afghan city died overnight, a city health official said Monday. Lifting to six the toll from a blast that undermined the fragile security this nation still faces less than three months before presidential elections.

A suspect arrested in the wake of Sunday's rush-hour explosion in Herat's Old City led authorities to three more people wanted for questioning in the blast, deputy intelligence chief Abdul Wahid Tawaqali told The Associated Press.

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Iwakuni phone-plan policy rankles some

BY JULIANA GITTER

Stars and Stripes

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Japan — Under a restricted telephone-calling plan, some station Marines living in barracks paid at least 13 cents a minute to call home using a calling card.

Others, including married Marines, pay half that amount through an unrestricted calling plan that lets them call long distance from their home phones.

The restricted plan keeps long-distance bills in check, especially for junior servicemembers with limited incomes. The base is responsible for any unpaid bills.

But some Marines say the limitation isn't fair.

Like many Pacific bases, Iwakuni offers residents three calling plans: unrestricted calling for local or long distance, which features 6- to 9-minute calls to the United States; restricted on-base DSN-only calls; and a third option that allows on-base calls and toll-free calls in Japan, but no long-distance. Callers with this plan must purchase calling cards, which are more expensive per minute to the States.

All three plans allow dial-up Internet connections and the use of

Unofficial calling plans

A look at the unofficial phone (residential) calling plans for Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station:

All three allow DSN calls including the DSN access number for DSO military calling cards. There is a \$7.75 fee to switch from one plan to another. Call the telephone office at DSN 253-5555 with questions.

■ **Plan 1:** Only DSN calls at Iwakuni. Good for people who don't make calls to Japan or overseas. Can be used for Internet dial-up service.

prepaid military phone cards that require only a DSN line.

Most servicemembers at Iwakuni can pick their plans. But for single Marines who are sergeants and below in Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, command officials decide for them. Most are limited to the restricted, more expensive plan.

The reason is simple, said Capt. Stewart Upton, base spokesman.

Unrestricted calling plans put some Marines at financial risk. In one case, a young Marine ran up more than \$1,400 in phone charges in a month, officials said.

"A phone with unrestricted long-distance access in the barracks environment is much like leaving a loaded gun unattended," base officials said in a written statement. "It is very high-risk."

The rule went into effect in 2000. At the time, most delinquent bills came from the barracks.

Chief Warrant Officer Chad LaSuer, telephone officer for the S-6 communications department.

In a written statement, officials said commanders created the rule "based upon a comprehensive review, but focused on two primary factors: (1) past payment performance of Marines and sailors that resided in the barracks and (2) the damage that high unpaid bills did to the individual Marines."

Marine Wing Support Squad-

ron 171 also requires Marines to have approval from their command before getting a phone but, the unit lets Marines decide with some counseling, Upton said.

Cost: \$26.01 Number with this plan: 200

■ **Plan 2:** Restricted calling. Can call DSN and toll-free Japanese access numbers, for commercial calling cards. No long distance.

Cost: \$36.48 Number with this plan: 150

■ **Plan 3:** Unrestricted calling. Can call DSN, local calls in Japan as well as long distance, for 6 yen a minute to the United States.

Cost: \$36.48 Number with this plan: 1,700

— Juliana Gitter

Lance Cpl. Ruben D. Calderon complained that he is paying for the mistakes of previous Marines and asked base leaders to create a prepaid calling option that provides the same low-cost long-distance rates for restricted callers.

Meanwhile, the number of Marines with restricted plans was increasing in the past year, LaSuer said.

"Most of the letters have been [restricted] lately," he said.

But base officials say the policy is having the desired effect. Only a small portion of delinquent bills are now from H&HS.

At least 100 bills are late each month, LaSuer said, and about half are accounts in family housing. Still, in family housing one person is responsible for the bill, whereas in the barracks roommates can blame each other for charges.

In response to Calderon's editorial, LaSuer wrote a letter to the editor clarifying the rules on calling plans and reminding Marines that the military phone service is unique.

"The phone office covers unpaid bills, and when bills are late, the office must track down the individual's command."

"It's an administrative burden on us because we have to notify the command," LaSuer said.

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kinawa anti-base candidates elected

BY DAVID ALLEN

AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA

Stars and Stripes

CHITANU, Okinawa — Two candidates opposed to the U.S. bases on Okinawa were big winners in Sunday's election to Japan's House of Councillors.

Keiko Itokazu, 56, vice chairman of the Okinawa chapter of the Social Mass Party, and Shokichi Kina, 56, a musician and member of the Democratic Party, both won seats in the upper house of Japan's Diet, similar to the U.S. Senate.

In a landslide, Itokazu defeated a candidate the two ruling parties supported. She garnered 316,148 votes, 95,345 more than Masato Onaga, the candidate supported by the ruling coalition of the Liberal Democratic Party and Komeito Party.

Kina was elected in his first try for public office. The popular singing and activist said he hopes to see Okinawa become an independent United Nations protectorate. He won a "proportional" seat after the Democratic Party grabbed 50 of the 121 contested seats.

Proportional seats are at-large seats awarded according to the percentage of the popular vote a party captures. Of the contests, 73 seats were prefectural seats and 48 were for the nationwide proportional seats.

Kina won 129,208 votes, making him the party's 10th-highest vote-getter.

"I want to fill a gap [that] exists

between Okinawa and the mainland that stems from the past history," said Kina, who banked on his celebrity status. "Turn all the military bases into flower gardens."

He pledged to "put my effort into bringing down" the administration of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and into changing "the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty into a Japan-U.S. Friendship Treaty."

Itokazu said her election was an endorsement for her campaign to cancel plans to build a new Marine air station in the waters off northeast Okinawa, to replace Futenma Marine Corps Air Station. She also wants to close the Futenma base and move Marine air operations off Okinawa.

"Throughout the campaign I heard the voices of Okinawans saying a loud 'no' to the Koizumi administration," she said Sunday. "The issues in this election were very clear, especially the opposition to construction of the new military base."

Although Koizumi's ruling Liberal Democratic Party took a beating, falling short of its goal of winning more than 51 seats — it won 49 — Koizumi is expected to remain in office because the LDP retained a majority of the seats not up for election.

Also, the junior partner in the ruling coalition, the New Komeito party, won 11 seats. All told, the two-party ruling coalition has 139 seats of the 242-seat upper house.

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Bon Odori events set

Bon Odori festivals are planned at Kamiseya Naval Support Facility on July 25 and Atsugi Naval Air Facility on July 31.

Bon Odori is a Buddhist dance festival celebrated as a reminder of the gratitude that should be felt toward ancestors. Both festivals need volunteer dancers. Rehearsals are 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays on the second floor of Atsugi's Halsey Aerodrome. Booths are available for both festivals. Call DSN 264-3201 for more information.

Open-air jazz concert

MISAWA, Japan — The largest open-air jazz concert in Tohoku is scheduled for July 24 in Nango, just south of Hachinohe and about 30-minute drive from Misawa Air Base in northern Japan.

This year's lineup, featuring musicians from Japan and the United States, includes the Wild Wind Big Band from Hachinohe, MAYA and the Akira Matsuo Quartet; Rensy Kisor from Iowa; the Grant Stewart Quintet; Charles Fiedler from New York; and Md. Marlene Shaw of New York and the David Hazeltine Trio from Milwaukee.

The 15th annual festival kicks off at 2 p.m. in Nango's outdoor amphitheater — rain or shine — and is to end at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through Misawa Air Base's Four Seasons Travel. Cost is \$45 per adult and \$25 for youths 13 to 18; children under 13 are free. Admission at the gate is \$60 (youth \$30, \$51 per adult and 3,500 yen (about \$32) for youth 13 to 18. Call DSN 226-3555 for more information.

Asia photo exhibit

The University of Maryland's Asian Division at Atsugi Naval

Ready, aim, fire



ALAN WARNER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Instructors at the Afloat Training Group Western Pacific Force Protection School, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, test the new firearm training simulator. They are using the customized laser 9 mm pistol to "fire" at a target on a large screen, which makes weapons qualifications cheaper and safer, Navy officials said.

Air Facility will present the "Images of Japan" photo collection from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 17 at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The photos are by Dr. Paul Latimore, a professor of life sciences at the University of Maryland University College. Call the university at DSN 264-3785 for more information.

Disease awareness

Public health officials at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, are reminding U.S. servicemembers about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases.

STDs are among the most common infectious diseases in the United States, according to an Air Force news release.

In 2003, Andersen Public Health reported 82 chlamydia cases, five gonorrhea cases, one co-infection (both gonorrhea and

chlamydia) and a Hepatitis B case, for a total of 89 STD cases, the release stated. The ages of those infected ranged from 18 to 47. Sixty of last year's cases involved dorm residents.

Andersen public health officials have documented more than 70 cases this year, according to the release. Contact Andersen Public Health Epidemiology at DSN 366-4147 for more information.

PTO seeks volunteers

The Shirley Lanham Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization at Atsugi Naval Air Facility needs volunteers for summer fund-raising events and other 2004-2005 school year functions. Call the PTO at DSN 264-5934 or e-mail at: stp@ptopre@yahoo.com for more information.

From staff reports

DOD will preserve veterans' personnel files

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — U.S. government officials have agreed to preserve the personnel files of every military member since 1885, and to allow public access to such records 62 years after official discharge or separation.

An agreement designating these files as "permanent records" was signed Thursday by Archivist of the United States John Carlin and David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

The National Archives and Records Administration will maintain the records "forever," according to Greg Pomietzer, assistant for operations in the NARA's Office of Regional Records Services.

Protecting personnel files is crucial because they contain the legal documents veterans and their families need in order to

claim entitlements that may have accrued from military service, Pomietzer said in a Monday telephone interview from NARA's Suitland, Md., headquarters.

Before the agreement was signed, the U.S. government would release only basic information, such as the dates of service. Only the member himself, if alive, or next-of-kin, if the member was dead, had access to the entire file, Pomietzer said.

Under the new policy, the public will have access to records 62 years after a service member's official discharge or separation — "a wealth of information" that will appeal to a variety of individuals, Pomietzer said.

After a six-month survey of records requests, archivists found that the nature of requests moved from administrative to historical between 56 years and 62 years after the servicemember's separation, and went with the higher number to be safe.

People searching for genealogical data will find that the records "give you a tremendous amount of family history," Pomietzer said.

Personnel files contain medical information, performance reports and disciplinary actions, as well as birth, marriage and death records, and adoption records and visas for family history purposes.

Academics and other researchers, meanwhile, will be able to use the records to reconstruct all sorts of information, such as the demographic composition of a specific military unit and how it has changed over time, Pomietzer said.

But if a servicemember is still alive after 62 years, the Privacy Act of 1974 allows NAR officials to "redact," or black out, certain information, such as Social Security numbers, Pomietzer said.

"If we have any indication that person is

alive, we'll be very careful what's released ... to ensure that there's no unwarranted invasion of a person's privacy," Pomietzer said. It will take at least a decade for government archivists to transfer all 56 million eligible records to the public domain, however.

That's because before 1960, DOD did not necessarily file its personnel records by date of discharge, requiring archivists to sort through the jackets one-by-one to discern whether they met the 62-year age requirement, Pomietzer said.

The first major block of files — nearly 1 million personnel records for sailors and Marines that date back to World War I — will be released this fall, Pomietzer said.

To learn how to search records maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration including records that have been archived electronically, go to: www.archives.gov.

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Wanted: Accordion player who won't feel AF squeeze

The Associated Press

QUINCY, Mass. — There's a great job out there awaiting an accordion player.

The catch: Six weeks in boot camp. The Air Force has been looking to replace the accordion player of its band's Strolling Strings music ensemble since the musician retired two years ago. So far, the search has been fruitless.

"It is very hard to find the right person for this job, but it's a great job for the right person," said Chief Master Sgt. Jane Bockenek, the Strolling Strings' music director

who plays the violin in the band.

So, since accordion players aren't coming to the Air Force, the service is going to them.

Bockenek is looking to recruit at the 66th annual American Accordionists Association festival, which is happening this week in and around Boston.

She interviewed a half-dozen people Sunday and was scheduled to hear auditions on Monday.

"They have to be under age 35, they have to fit our weight and fitness requirements, and they have to be able to get a se-

curity clearance," she said.

"We are looking for someone who's not just qualified to do the job, but who fits the parameters of the United States Air Force."

They also will have to endure six weeks of rigorous basic training.

"They'll have to go through boot camp ... but they will also be entitled to all the benefits of being in the military," she said.

Those who join the band are unlikely to see combat, she said, but they may be assigned administrative work such as coordinating its performances.



Sgt. Maj. Manuel Bobenreith, who belongs to the U.S. Army Band, plays the accordion in Quincy, Mass., on Sunday during the American Accordionists Association annual competition and festival.

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Enjoy this tasty Asian menu, prepared by Culinary Institute of America chefs, while listening to the sounds of Yokosuka's featured singers.



Iraq leader vows 'sharp sword' for rebels

But al-Yawer also plans to announce limited amnesty effort for insurgents

BY JAMIE TARABAY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer threatened Monday to use a "very sharp sword" to fight insurgents and anyone else threatening the security of the country.

Also Monday, France and Iraq restored diplomatic relations that were severed before the Gulf War 13 years ago.

Al-Yawer spoke two weeks after the United States handed sovereignty over to an interim Iraqi government. The handover, however, has not quelled the violence that has wracked the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime nearly 15 months ago.

Foreign and local insurgents have launched numerous attacks in Iraq in an effort to create chaos and attempts to thwart the country's postwar reconstruction. The attacks have killed scores of U.S. troops and hundreds of Iraqi civilians.

"Terrorism isn't just killing and blowing up," al-Yawer told reporters. "We have a very sharp sword ready for anyone who threatens the security of our country."

Al-Yawer, who was meeting with Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan and National Guard Brig. Gen. Muthar al-Rashadi, said the roughly 160,000 coalition forces led by the United States were

required to stay here to fight the insurgents, but violent groups should not use this as an excuse to continue attacks.

"Those who claim they are resisting the occupation, the occupation is over now," he said. "We want to tell anyone who wants to threaten the security of this country: 'Enough, I say, Enough, Stop.'"

Security officials also sought to reassure Iraqis they were trying to restore order.

Al-Rashadi said the national guard has divided the capital, Baghdad, into eight sectors to make it easier to control.

Al-Yawer, a prominent Sunni whose position is largely ceremonial, said the government planned to announce an amnesty program soon for some of the insurgents. He appealed to insurgents to accept the amnesty and lay down their weapons.

"This is your last chance, otherwise there will be the sword," he said.

Meanwhile, Iraq and France, which opposed the U.S.-led war that toppled Saddam, restored diplomatic relations that were severed 13 years ago during the Persian Gulf War. The countries plan to exchange ambassadors as soon as possible, the French Foreign Ministry said Monday.

"The two governments are convinced this decision will contribute to closer ties between France and Iraq and will intensify



Moder al-Mawla al-Rashidi, commander of the Iraqi National Guard, left, is greeted by Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer at a Monday news conference in Baghdad. Al-Yawer said his government soon will offer amnesty to those who have fought against the U.S.-led coalition, a British newspaper reported Monday.

fy exchanges to the greater benefit of the two countries," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

France has turned down American requests for military help in quelling the insurgency, but expressed willingness to help train Iraqi security forces.

Violence continued across Iraq. Gunmen killed Abd el-Oun Hassan, the head of the Musayyib office of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, one of the largest Shiite parties, in a drive-by shooting south of the capital

Sunday night, police officials said Monday.

Insurgents Sunday also killed three U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi civilian in separate attacks north of Baghdad.

Also Sunday, insurgents fired mortar rounds at the Abu Ghraib prison, the center of a scandal involving alleged abuse of Iraqi detainees by U.S. guards. One person was injured.

The attack was the sixth by insurgents on the facility since a mortar attack on in April killed 22 Iraqi detainees and wounded more than 100, the military said.

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Deadline advanced for hostage

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine officials found themselves with just hours to act early Tuesday when militants holding a Filipino truck driver hostage in Iraq advanced their deadline for releasing him by 24 hours.

To save the life of 46-year-old Angelo dela Cruz, the kidnappers say the Philippines must move forward by one month the planned pullout of its small peace-keeping force in Iraq.

Manila had rejected the demand when it was made, but said Monday the hostage takers had extended the deadline until Tuesday.

But Dela Cruz's captors subsequently sent a tape to Al-Jazeera television, which broadcast the new deadline demand late Monday and showed Dela Cruz pleading with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to meet his kidnappers' demands.

Dela Cruz was snatched Wednesday near Fallujah. The Philippines' announcement Saturday that it would pull out its 51-strong contingent on Aug. 20, when its current mandate ends, did not satisfy his captors.

Bush: Iraq war sound despite no WMD found

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — President Bush defended his decision to invade Iraq even as he conceded on Monday that investigators had not found the weapons of mass destruction that he had warned the country possessed.

Allowing Iraq to possibly transfer weapons capability to terrorists was not a risk he was willing to take, Bush said.

"Although we have not found stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction, we were right to go into Iraq," Bush said after inspecting a display of nuclear weapons parts and equipment, including assembled gas centrifuges for uranium enrichment, from Libya.

The hardware was shipped here in March as part of an agreement with Moammar Gadhafi to end his country's nuclear weapons program.

"We removed a declared enemy of America who had the capability of producing weapons of mass murder and could have passed that capability to terrorists bent on acquiring them. In the world after September 11th, that was a risk we could not afford to take," Bush said.

The president offered a broad new defense of the March 2003 invasion of Iraq three days after the release of a Senate report that harshly criticized unsubstantiated intelligence cited in the run-up to the war in Iraq, a crucial battle in the war on terrorism.

The key U.S. assertions leading to the 2003 invasion of Iraq — that Saddam Hussein had chemical and biological weapons and was working to make nuclear weapons — were wrong and based on false or overstated CIA analyses, a scathing Senate Intelligence Committee report asserted Friday.

Intelligence analysts fell victim to "group think" assumptions that Iraq had weapons when it did not, the bipartisan report concluded.

Many factors contributing to those failures are ongoing problems within the U.S. intelligence community, which cannot be fixed with more money alone, it said. Without directly acknowledging the intelligence was flawed, Bush said a wide array of

government leaders, from members of the Clinton administration to lawmakers to the U.N. Security Council, had studied the same intelligence and "saw a threat."

During the Clinton administration, official U.S. policy toward Iraq became "regime change"—a stance that sought the ouster of Saddam Hussein, he noted. But Saddam refused to open his country to inspections, Bush said.

Bush's trip to Tennessee was designed to showcase a victory in his administration's campaign against weapons of mass destruction. Bush was shown nuclear weapons parts and equipment from Libya, and called them "sobering evidence of a great danger."

It was the White House's second effort to shine a spotlight on the Libyan victory.

Several months ago, the White House arranged a tour for journalists of the equipment.

Bush said Libya's decision to scrap its nuclear ambitions and do away with its long-range missiles was the result of "quiet diplomacy" by the United States, Great Britain and the Libyan government.

But it also was the result of outspoken public denunciations of nations that seek to threaten the world with nuclear and other weapons, he said.

He said the world knows that doing so carries serious consequences and that the "wise course is to abandon those pursuits."

And Bush said his administration was doing everything possible to avert the attacks he said terrorists are now plotting.

Aug. 3 hearing set for private in Abu Ghraib Iraqi prisoner abuse case

BY ESTES THOMPSON
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Pfc. Lynndie England, the Army reservist at the center of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse case, was read her rights in military court Monday and given a date of Aug. 3 for a hearing on whether she is to face a court-martial.

England appeared in court for the five-minute hearing, accompanied by her lead civilian lawyer, Rick Hernandez.

England answered "Yes, ma'am" when Col. Denise Arn, the military judge presiding over the case, asked if she understood her rights and "No, ma'am" when she was asked if she had any questions.

The hearing to determine whether England faces a court-martial, at which witnesses are to be called and evidence presented, was scheduled to begin Monday.

But the defense requested a delay last week, which meant that the hearing Monday was only to deal with

procedural matters.

England, 21, is charged with 13 counts of abusing prisoners.

Last week, an additional five charges were added against her, stemming from "the creation and possession of sexually explicit photographs" and indecent acts, according to the Army.

The latest photographs do not involve Iraqi prisoners, the Army has said.



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AIDS forum debates condoms vs. abstinence

By VIJAY JOSHI

The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Scientists, activists and policy-makers Monday touted condoms as a trusted weapon in the fight against AIDS, dismissing President Bush's policy of abstinence as a "serious setback" in global efforts to control the pandemic.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni was the only big-name speaker at the International AIDS Conference to support the ABC policy of the United States: Abstinence, Being faithful and Condoms — in that order of priority.

Museveni said loving relationships based on trust are crucial, and that "the principle of condoms is not the ultimate solution."

"In some cultures sexual intercourse is so elaborate that condoms are a hindrance," he told a plenary session.

"Let the condom be used by people who cannot abstain, cannot be faithful, or are estranged."

Condoms have been promoted as a front-line defense against AIDS by countries such as Thailand, where a campaign to get



Dr. Risma, right, talks with a former intravenous drug user who just found out that he had AIDS as his mother sits with him on Monday in Jakarta, Indonesia. A recent report issued by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS said that the increase in HIV prevalence among intravenous drug users had caused six of Indonesia's 31 provinces to now be classified as being badly affected by the disease.

sex workers to insist on condoms yielded a more-than-sevenfold reduction in HIV rates in 13 years.

Some 25 million of the 38 million infected with HIV worldwide are in sub-Saharan Africa, but the

virus is taking root increasingly in Asia, where 7.6 million are infected.

In Asia, the sex trade has been the main engine behind infections in countries such as Thailand and Cambodia, where epi-

demics exploded by the late 1980s — sparking aggressive responses including campaigns to boost condom use.

Proponents say there is no better way to prevent HIV than by using condoms and giving clean syringes to intravenous drug users.

Their philosophy is known as CNN, or Condoms, Needles, Negotiating Skills.

The Bush administration maintains that emphasizing condoms promotes promiscuity among the youth.

"In an age where 5 million people are newly infected each year and women and girls too often do not have the choice to abstain, an abstinence-until-marriage program is not only irresponsible, it's really inhumane," U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee said.

Uganda has waged a successful battle against HIV in a rare success story for sub-Saharan Africa, though some experts say it's unclear how it has been achieved. Museveni credited abstinence.

Uganda has brought its infection rate down from more than 30 percent in the early 1990s to about 6 percent of the country's 25 million people last year.

A young Ugandan man, Simon Onabiko, who gave an impassioned speech during the CNN vs. ABC debate, said abstinence works if people have the will.

"It is possible for young people to abstain. We are motivated, we are empowered. If I can start having sex, I can also stop having sex," he said.

However, epidemiologists tracking Asia's emerging epidemics told conference delegates that the world's most populous continent face HIV problems largely driven by prostitution, and that promoting condoms is best to block further spread.

There was consensus at the six-day conference, in its second day, that fighting the epidemic needs more money that can only come from rich countries.

By 2005 an estimated \$12 billion will be needed annually to fight the disease in developing countries, but current annual global spending now amounts to under \$5 billion.

"The 200-300 billion dollars spent in Iraq probably could have eradicated this illness," actor Richard Gere — one of several celebrities at the meeting — said at another panel discussion.

Sharon invites Labor to join his pro-withdrawal coalition

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon invited the moderate Labor Party into his shaky coalition Monday, and he warned Likud Party rebels he would call early elections if they try to block the partnership.

An alliance with Labor would boost Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and four isolated West Bank settlements by

2005. Coalition hard-liners have been trying to sabotage a pull-back.

Some sticking points remain in coalition negotiations, including wrangling over senior portfolios, particularly the job of foreign minister for Labor chief Shimon Peres. However, both sides said they expect a deal quickly.

The main threat to such a union appears to be coming from

Likud hard-liners opposed to a Gaza withdrawal and senior Likud ministers who, fearing they'll lose their jobs, have threatened to stir a rebellion in the party.

Sharon warned Likud legislators Monday that he'll call early elections if they make good on their threats. He told the legislators that he has no choice but to expand the coalition by bringing

in Labor. "But if you don't want that, then we can go to elections, that's the way it is," Sharon said. "I am saying this in the clearest possible way: this situation cannot continue."

The coalition talks were held as U.S. Midwest envoys were in the region to discuss the Gaza withdrawal plan. White House officials Elliott Abrams and Steve Hadley were to meet with Palestin-

ian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei on Monday and with Sharon on Tuesday, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

Sharon and Peres met privately for an hour Monday morning. Both sides said the talks had gone well.

Peres was to meet with Labor lawmakers later Monday to discuss the invitation. A decision was to be made at a party meeting Tuesday.

EU offers assistance to rebuild war-torn Iraq

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union foreign ministers told their Iraqi counterpart on Monday they were ready to help rebuild his country by providing money and other aid to establish a stable democracy.

The pledge coincided with another sign of Europe's eagerness to mend ties: France said Monday it had restored diplomatic relations with Iraq,

which were broken 13 years ago during the Persian Gulf War.

In a draft statement, the 25 EU foreign ministers agreed to send a scouting mission to Iraq "as long as conditions allow it" to determine the best way for the EU to promote democracy, the rule of law and human rights there.

The EU has pledged \$371 million for humanitarian aid and reconstruction aid for Iraq this year. A similar commitment is expected next year.

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Reunited kin in seclusion

Jenkins family hasn't yet decided where to live

BY MICHAEL CASEY

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An alleged U.S. Army deserter and his family who were reunited in the Indonesian capital last week after two years apart were "compensating for lost time," but it was still unclear where they would eventually live, the Japanese government said Monday.

Charles Robert Jenkins and his two daughters met his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, in an emotional reunion Friday. The family had been apart since October 2002 when Soga — who was abducted by North Korean agents 24 years earlier — returned to Japan.

Soga reportedly wants to take her husband and daughters back to Japan with her. But Jenkins, 64, fears he could be extradited to the United States and tried for desertion.

He was serving in a U.S. Army unit based on the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea when he disappeared during a routine patrol in 1965.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said last week that charges against Jenkins "remain outstanding." The reunion was held in Indonesia because it doesn't have an extradition treaty with the United States.

"We want to create an environment where Soga and her family can sit back and relax," said Hiroshi Oguma, a Japanese government spokesman. "They are having a good time and compensating for lost time."

Oguma said the government wasn't pressuring the family to make a quick decision on where it will live. Jenkins has said he wants



American Charles Robert Jenkins hugs his wife, former Japanese abductee Hitomi Soga, as their daughters Mika, left, and Belinda cry upon their arrival in Jakarta, Indonesia, from Pyongyang, North Korea, on Friday.

the family to stay together, and Indonesia says the family can stay here as long as it wants.

Since Friday, the family has only once left its suite at a five-star hotel in central Jakarta, on Sunday night to dine with the Japanese ambassador. Government officials said much of their time has been spent talking, eating and watching television, including a Harry Potter movie and Japanese animation.

They have refused to meet with members of the media who are camped out in the hotel lobby, and the government has gone to great lengths to protect the family's privacy — barring phone calls to their suite, blocking public access to their apartment and even ignoring a request by North Korean diplomats to meet with Jenkins.

More flooding in S. Asia

NEW DELHI — Monsoon floods continued to wreak havoc across South Asia, killing 37 more people and forcing millions to flee their homes or seek emergency shelter, officials said Monday.

Relief workers were rushing emergency food supplies to scores of people in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, many huddled on mud embankments or trying to escape the raging waters in boats.

Since flooding began in June, 241 people have died in South Asia from waterborne diseases, electrocution, collapsing buildings and strong currents.

In Bangladesh, rain-swollen rivers burst their banks, flooding villages and towns and killing 11 people — mostly children, relief officials said. More than 3 million people have been marooned in their inundated homes.

Prison abuse in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt — Torture and abuse is "widespread and systematic" in Egyptian police stations and prisons, Egyptian human rights activists have said.

"What is happening in Egyptian prisons is 1,000 times worse than what happened in Abu Ghraib," said Mohammed Zarei of the Human Rights Center for the Assistance of Prisoners. He was referring to U.S. soldiers torturing and sexually abusing Iraqi detainees in a Baghdad prison.

Zarei met with fellow activists in Cairo on Monday to start a nationwide campaign against torture. Hafez Abu

Saada, director of the Egypt Human Rights Organization, said Arab media had given enormous play to the photographs of U.S. soldiers abusing prisoners in Abu Ghraib but had downplayed the violation of prisoners in their own countries.

Suzan Ibrahim of the El Nadeem Center for Psychological Management and Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence accused the government of ignoring pleas from rights groups to stop the torture. She described the maltreatment as "tantamount to official policy."

Second-hand smoking award

TOKYO — A Japanese court ordered a local municipality Monday to pay compensation for health problems caused by second-hand smoke in the workplace — a reported first.

Judge Akio Doi of Tokyo District Court ordered the government of Edogawa Ward, one of Tokyo's 23 wards, to pay Masahiro Kawamura \$460, court spokesman Hideaki Wada said. He refused to provide further details.

NHK public broadcaster reported it was the first time a Japanese court awarded damages in a passive smoking lawsuit.

Kawamura began working for the Edogawa municipal government in April 1995. He pushed his employer to designate separate smoking areas after presenting a medical diagnosis backing his health complaints, but his requests were ignored, according to details of the lawsuit posted on an anti-smoking Web site he heads.

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Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

NAACP head: Vote against Bush

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — NAACP chairman Julian Bond urged members of the nation's oldest civil rights organization to increase voter turnout to oust President Bush, and he condemned the administration's policies on education, the economy and the war

in Iraq.

"They preach racial division, and practice racial division," Bond said Sunday night in the 95th annual convention's keynote address. "They've tried to patch the leaky economy and every other domestic problem with duct tape and plastic sheets. They write a new constitution of Iraq

and they ignore the Constitution here at home."

Volunteers with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have been working on voter drives in black communities across the country, registering more than 100,000 so far in 11 key states, including Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, Bond said.

Bond, a leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Commit-

tee during the 1960s civil rights movement and a Georgia legislator for 20 years, became chairman of the NAACP in 1998.

Bush has declined invitations to speak at the convention in each year of his presidency, making him the first president since the 1930s to skip it, officials said.

Democratic challenger John Kerry has accepted an invitation to speak Thursday on the final day of the convention, the Baltimore-based group said.

Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Bankruptcy traps

Scripps Howard News Service

Americans are going broke as never before: A record 1,625,208 families sought bankruptcy protection last year, and filings are up 2.7 percent so far in 2004.

A National Bankruptcy Review Commission appointed by Congress to study the problem concluded that 90 percent of people in bankruptcy get there because of death, divorce, illness or job loss.

To that, Harvard bankruptcy-law professor Elizabeth Warren and her business-consultant daughter Amelia Warren Tyei have added a new twist: After

studying 30 years of bankruptcy, Census and Labor Department data, the two argue convincingly in "The Two-Income Trap: Why Middle-Class Mothers & Fathers Are Going Broke" that it's not overindulgence on luxuries but spending on necessities that has caused the bankruptcy epidemic.

There are rising health costs, even for families lucky enough to have insurance coverage through work, plus soaring tuition even at public colleges where taxpayers used to pick up more of the tab.

The result: Seemingly comfortable couples are one disaster away from losing it financially.



CBS/AP

Roxie Roker, left, and Isabel Sanford are seen in character on the set of the TV series "The Jeffersons," in 1979. Sanford, best known as "Weezy" or Louise Jefferson on "The Jeffersons," has died of natural causes, her publicist said Monday. She was 86. Roker died in 1995.

Sanford, 'Weezy' on 'Jeffersons,' dead at 86

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Actress Isabel Sanford, best known as "Weezy," Louise Jefferson on the television sitcom "The Jeffersons," died of natural causes, her publicist said Monday.

She was 86. Sanford died Friday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she had been hospitalized since July 4, said Brad Lemack. Her daughter, Pamela Ruff, was at her side, he said.

Her health had waned after undergoing preventive surgery on a neck artery 10 months ago, Lemack said. He did not give a cause of death.

Sanford co-starred with Sher-

man Hemsley from 1975 to 1985 on CBS Television's "The Jeffersons," a spin-off of "All in the Family," in which she also appeared.

In 1981, Sanford became the first black woman to win an Emmy for Best Actress in a Comedy Series.

Marla Gibbs, who played the Jeffersons' maid, Florence Johnston, said that even before the sitcom, Sanford's comedic talents were evident during acting auditions.

"Isabel would come in and just light up the room and start telling stories and having everybody in stitches," Gibbs said.

Sanford made her feature film debut in the 1967 classic, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

Recently, Sanford lent her voice to "The Simpsons."

Reagan joins Dems' party

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats have snagged a high-profile speaker — and a measure of political one-upmanship — for this month's convention: Ron Reagan, son of the conservative Republican icon.

Reagan, the youngest child of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, will address the Democratic National Convention about stem cell research during a prime-time slot when Democrats meet July 26-29 in Boston, an official said.

Reagan, 46, has been critical of

the Bush administration's restriction of federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research and the war in Iraq. He often disagreed with Reagan administration policies as well.

Reagan said his speech will deal only with the subject of stem cell research, something he and Nancy Reagan have argued could lead to cures for a number of diseases like the Alzheimer's that afflicted his father.

"If they had asked me to say a few words about throwing George Bush out of office, I wouldn't do it," Reagan told The Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Bush plan opens more forests to logging

BY BOB FICK

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The Bush administration on Monday proposed a new plan to open up national forests to more logging, confirming a draft plan published two weeks ago.

Under the plan, announced by Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman at the state Capitol, governors would have to petition the federal government to block road-building needed for logging in remote areas of national forests.

The rule replaces one adopted by the Clinton administration and

still under challenge in federal court. It covers about 58 million of the 191 million acres of national forest nationwide.

Idaho was one of the first states to challenge the so-called roadless rule in federal court.

"Strong state and federal cooperation in the management of roadless areas will foster improved local involvement in the process," Veneman said.

For nearly two years, the Bush administration has been weighing changes to the roadless rule, which blocks road construction in nearly one-third of national forests as a way to prevent logging and other commercial activity.

Officials call the new roadless policy a common-sense plan that protects backcountry woods while advancing a partnership with the nation's governors, particularly in the West.

The Natural Resources Defense Council made its opposition clear even before the official announcement.

"This is a roadblock to roadless protection," spokeswoman Amy Mail said.

The Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville, Va., said the Bush administration plan would make vulnerable 555,000 acres of national forest in

the nine southern Appalachian national forests.

Veneman, whose department includes the Forest Service, made the announcement flanked by Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, both Republicans.

As part of the plan, the administration said it would reinstate an interim rule for the next 18 months, requiring that Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth approve any new road construction in previously protected areas.

Environmentalists say it is unlikely that governors in pro-logging states such as Idaho, Wy-

oming, Montana and Utah will seek to keep the roadless rule in effect. Kempthorne is among several Republican governors in the West who have strongly criticized the rule, calling it an unnecessary restriction that has locked up millions of acres from logging and other economic development.

Citing such complaints, the Bush administration said last year it would develop a plan to allow governors to seek exemptions from the roadless rule. The latest plan turns that on its head by requiring governors to petition the Agriculture Department if they want to protect against timbering in their state.

Famous philanthropist Laurance Rockefeller dies at 94

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Born into one of the nation's greatest family fortunes, Laurance Rockefeller had a lifelong affinity for the rustic and leaves a legacy of parks from Wyoming to Vermont that were expanded on land he donated.

The conservationist, philanthropist and venture capitalist died in his sleep Sunday morning at the age of 94. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis, his spokesman, Fraser Seitel, said in a statement.

The fourth of six children of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, Laurance emerged as the family mediator, helping placate brothers David and Nelson in their disputes over who should run the Rockefeller Brothers Fund family charity.

He was less attracted to the spotlight than Nelson, who was vice president under Gerald Ford and served four terms as New York's governor, or younger brother Winthrop, who was governor of Arkansas.

And while David and brother John D. III distinguished themselves as businessmen who perpetuated the family's established charitable pursuits, Laurance was drawn primarily to the outdoors.

In 1976, he wrote about the virtues of retreating to nature in an article for Reader's Digest titled "The Case for a Simpler Life."

He gave 50,000 acres to the National Park Service to form Virgin Islands National Park, was instrumental in the establishment of Redwood National Park in California, and donated his ranch to Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

He served under five presidents in several capacities related to conservation and the outdoors, founded the American Conservation Association in 1958 to advance public knowledge of the field, and was head of a conservation organization.

But along with his work to preserve nature and the environ-

ment, Rockefeller became a pivotal developer of the economics field that became known as venture capital by helping to finance World War I pilot Eddie Rickenbacker's Eastern Airlines in 1938. He was No. 377 on this year's Forbes magazine list of 587 billionaires, with \$1.5 billion.

"As his younger brother, I always admired Laurance for his extraordinary business skills and often followed his lead by joining him in the field of venture capital, where he was a true pioneer," said David Rockefeller, the last surviving child of John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Rockefeller is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His wife, Mary, died in 1997.



AP

Laurance Rockefeller testifies during an appearance before the Senate Rules Committee in November 1974 in Washington. Rockefeller died in his sleep Sunday morning. He was 94.

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No question, he's a winner

Utah man nears \$1 million mark on 'Jeopardy!'

BY LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If the answer is Ken Jennings and his record \$972,960 so far in "Jeopardy!" winners, the question must be how does he do it? A curious mind, good memory and astute buzzer technique, said Jennings, a Utah software engineer who made an unprecedented 29th appearance on the syndicated quiz show Monday night.

A Seattle native who grew up in South Korea — his father works for an international law firm in Seoul — Jennings watched "Jeopardy!" on the U.S. Armed Forces TV network and thought to himself, "Hey, maybe you could go on 'Jeopardy!'. You're not half bad at it."

"A lot of it is just God-given memory that I can't take any credit for," he said. "I've always been interested in a lot of different fields. It's not just that I'm a computer engineer and all I care about is computers."

Playing "Jeopardy!" fulfills a lifetime dream, said Jennings, 30, although he concedes the cash prize is a bit dreamy, too.

"It's enough fun that the money's just icing on the cake," he said. "But there seems to be a lot of icing." There's also an unexpected measure of celebrity. A few "Jeopardy!" champs have caught the public eye — such as New York City transit cop Frank Spangenberg with his then-record \$100,000-plus winnings in 1990 — but it's typically the challenging game itself that's the star.

Jennings' run that started airing June 2 has changed that, especially as he nears \$1 million. On Monday, he was scheduled to appear on ABC's "Good Morning America" and on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman."

Jennings admits feeling nervous and a bit overwhelmed by the attention.

"I remember the first time I was watching Diane Sawyer mention me," Jennings said. "Suddenly hearing her say, 'Ken Jennings,' it was very surreal. It's a little weird to me I get recognized in the grocery store, and Letterman's calling."



Jennings

Not bad for a family man who gives a self-deprecating shake of the head when his cash total is announced and whose boldest gesture is adding a flourish to his name on the player ID screen.

Jennings is making the most of a change in "Jeopardy!" rules.

To mark the start of its 20th season last year, the quiz show lifted its five-game limit for winners and allowed them to keep going until they lose. On the show, which is taped in advance and crams five shows — a week's worth — into one day of production, players are given answers in a wide variety of categories and must quickly buzz in to pose the correct question.

"I admire the heck out of the guy," said Bob Harris of Los Angeles, a "Jeopardy!" five-time champion who competed before the rule change. "To run five games straight any day is mentally exhausting, and he does it flawlessly, with a big smile on his face."

"I'd be lying if I said there wasn't a certain degree of envy," added Harris, a political satirist who writes for TV and film.

Previous record-holder Tom Walsh, 39, of Washington, D.C., managed a seven-day run with \$184,900 in winnings on the show in January.

Jennings expects to invest what he's won for wife Mindy and their 1½-year-old son, Dylan. There will be a splurge or two, probably on a trip to Europe.

Archaeologists unearth historic Illinois grounds

BY JOEL CURRIER
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

PIKE COUNTY, Ill. — The tale of a small Illinois town, extinct for nearly 100 years, is being rebuilt and retold piece by piece.

Last month, an archaeological team of 15 people from around the country finished the first of a three-phase excavation of a rolling farm field about 35 miles southeast of Quincy, Ill.

The team spent five weeks digging thousands of artifacts from the 42-acre prairie grass pasture once known as New Philadelphia — the first town in the United States incorporated by an African-American.

"Our goal is to make this place a part of the national public history," said Paul Shackel, an anthropology professor at the University of Maryland and lead archaeologist on the New Philadelphia site. "I think this is a very important step."

New Philadelphia's history began with Francis "Free Frank" McWorter, a black slave from Kentucky who earned enough money mining saltpeter to buy his freedom. McWorter bought, subdivided and sold 42 acres in Pike County and incorporated it in 1836 — a time when much of the country was segregated. He used the revenue from the parcels of land to buy the freedom of

16 of his family members so they could join him in Illinois.

Shackel said that McWorter's efforts helped shape a rare, racially integrated community. By 1870, more than a third of the town's 170 people were black, he said. It became a commercial hub for traders, carpenters, shoemakers and blacksmiths until 1868, when the railroad was routed several miles north. The move choked the town's small economy.

By 1900, just six households remained. Years later, the land — and the town's heritage with it — was plowed over, as if it never existed.

The archaeological team of three investigators and 12 college students was handpicked from around the country. The project, set to end in 2006, is sponsored by the National Research Foundation and is a collaboration of the University of Maryland, the University of Illinois-Springfield, the Illinois State Museum in Springfield and the nonprofit New Philadelphia Association. Shackel said he hopes to add the site to the National Register of Historic Places. Two student archaeological teams will resume excavations for the next two summers.

The project began in fall 2002 with a series of weekend surveys that unearthed more than 7,000 artifacts.

Schedule of Events

- 1000 Mikasa Park Gate opens to visitors
- 1000 to 1600 Ship Viewing
- 1000 to 1700 Car show in PSD parking lot
- 2000 Mikasa Gate closes. Visitors exit through Womble Gate.
- 2000 to 2030 Fireworks

Ongoing Activities

- Face Painting
- Air Toys
- International Games
- Cotton Candy and Snow Cones
- Youth Sports Games designed for interaction between American and Japanese children
- Additional games, food and beverage

Plus live entertainment throughout the day

イベントスケジュール

- 午前10時 三笠公園ゲート開門
- 午前10時より午後4時まで 艦船見学
- 午前10時より午後5時まで PSDパキングにてカーショー
- 午後8時より午後8時30分まで 花火

他の催し物

- フェイスペインティング
- ふわふわ
- わた船・かき氷
- インターナショナルによるゲーム
- 青少年スポーツゲーム (日米共同によるもの)
- その他ゲームや飲食物などもり沢山

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Entertainment

Ship Viewing

Food and Beverages

Sunday, August 01
Open Base
Friendship Day



FACES 'N' PLACES

Graham heads back to revival

Evangelist Billy Graham is returning to the site of a tent revival 55 years ago that helped make him a national figure.

Graham's staff has rented more than 10,000 square feet of office space in preparation for the Nov. 18-21 crusade at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

The event originally was scheduled for this month but had to be rescheduled when Graham fell in his North Carolina home in May and broke his pelvis. A crusade in Kansas City also was postponed.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to attend the Rose Bowl event, organizers said. Los Angeles crusade director Jeff Anderson said more than 1,000 churches have signed on to participate and nearly 800 people have volunteered to serve as ushers and section captains.

The event will cost nearly \$5.4 million, Anderson said. Money will come from churches, donors and offerings from people who attend.

Candidate gets 'West Wing' backing

Democratic congressional hopeful Beth Troutman has landed solid support from her old colleagues on the "West Wing."

Martin Sheen, who plays the fictional President Josiah Bartlet on the NBC show, is among several cast members who have contributed to Troutman's campaign to oust incumbent U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes from North Carolina, a Republican.

Troutman worked on "The West Wing" for four years, most recently as manager of the director-executive producer's office.

Other "West Wing" members contributing to Troutman's campaign include series creator Aaron Sorkin, executive producer John Wells and his wife, Marilyn, actor Bradley Whitford and actress Allison Janney. Troutman, 27, has raised more than \$47,750 from California — nearly 70 percent of the \$69,495 she reports raising since she filed two months ago.

Highway stretch named for Alan Jackson

When country music star Alan Jackson was a boy, his father used to drive to work along Interstate 85 in Georgia.

Eugene Jackson died four years ago, but the award-winning country singer says his father would be proud to see that same highway now.

More than a five-mile stretch of I-85 has been named for Alan Jackson, and runs through his native Coweta County south of Atlanta.

Trump interviews 'Apprentice' prospects

Donald Trump hasn't even chosen his second apprentice, and he's already looking for his third.

Trump spent Friday interviewing prospective candidates for the third season of his hit NBC reality show, "The Apprentice," at Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles on Friday.

Some 200 hopefuls waited in line for a casting call.

The real estate mogul is only expected to make one other appearance during the casting tour — at the Trump Tower in New York City on July 30.

Auditions will be held in Miami, Boston, Honolulu, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, San Antonio, Jacksonville, Fla., Minneapolis, Chicago, San Francisco, Memphis, Tenn., Las Vegas, Cincinnati and Seattle.

Vanna White spells out her big news

"Wheel of Fortune" co-host Vanna White used her best-known prop — the game show's puzzle board — to announce her engagement to California businessman Michael Kaye.

A publicity shot shows White, 47, in front of the board with "Vanna's Engaged" spelled out. It was her way of letting fans know about her big news. The couple have not set a date, according to the "Wheel of Fortune" Web site.

From The Associated Press



Graham



Sheen



Trump

Old soul, new soul

Young artists like Ricky Fante and Joss Stone are reviving sounds of the past

BY JIM FARBBER
New York Daily News

Forget neo-soul, that decidedly modern take on music that dates from the sock-it-to-me heyday of artists like Aretha Franklin and labels like Stax.

There's a growing movement in retro-soul — music made by young musicians that sounds exactly like the shouted style of old.

Up-and-coming artists like the Bo-Keys, Joss Stone, Ricky Fante and Ellis Hooks make no concessions whatsoever to the music of their peers, preferring vocal inflections and instrumental styles directly nicked from the records an earlier generation spun in its youth.

On "Rewind," the major-label debut coming next month from 25-year-old Fante, he grows with the grit of a young Otis Redding. On Stone's debut, "The Soul Sessions," she tries to out-rasp Janis Joplin, while the Bo-Keys' debut, "The Royal Sessions," imitates the Southern-fried instrumentals of Booker T. and the MGs.

"I felt that the world doesn't need another smooth neo-soul singer," Fante explains. "I wanted something that would put more of a push on my throat, that classic soul style."

"This is definitely a throw-back sound," says Bob Slade, who hosts the old-school radio show "Soul Beginnings" at KISS-FM in New York.

"But these new kids knock me out. They can really sing." The results have paid off for Stone. Her album earned an immediate press buzz when it came out in September.

With careful promotion, it has recently broken into the upper quarter of Billboard's Top 200 Album chart.

Stone hardly fits the profile of the classic soul mama. She's a 16-year-old white girl from England.

She got her introduction to old soul by listening to her parents' scratchy 45s.

That's what first hooked Fante, as well. His mother and father played plenty of Motown around their house in Washington and took him to see Stevie Wonder when he was just 5.

"(Stevie) was doing a free concert on the Washington Mall to try to get Martin Luther King's birthday made into a national holiday," says Fante. "I was totally blown away."

Scott Boman, 28, says: "Living in this city you can't help but see guys still playing in clubs who were on those original records from [locally based labels like] Stax."

Boman conceived the Bo-Keys as a multi-generational band, mixing guys who played on the old Stax Records with younger bucks. He was teaching music at a school connected with a museum that salutes the Stax history when he hooked up with Skip Pitts, who created the classic wah-wah guitar line on Isaac Hayes' "Shaft," and organist Ronnie Williams, who has worked with, among others, Stax songwriter, producer and artist David Porter. The resulting group named its first CD after Royal Studios, where they recorded it and where Green waxed his greatest hits.

Ellis Hooks, whose gravely tones recall Wilson Pickett, has the most traditional background of these new artists. The 30-year-old singer was born in Bay Minette, Ala., the 13th of 16 children of an African-American sharecropper. He's been playing since he was 15, traveling the country as a street performer, even busking for a while in New York.

"I picked cotton, peas and all that," Hooks told the roots-oriented magazine *No Depression*. "It taught me to work hard."

Hooks found himself more entranced by the older sounds than the new. Fante says the lure has to do with the formal structure of old soul songs. "They have verses, choruses, a real bridge," he explains. "It's not like modern R&B, which is just a groove."

Boman feels the appeal of the sound comes from the fact that "the musicians all played together live on the recordings. It was more spontaneous."

Slade says the love of vintage soul is spreading among the young, citing ratings for his "Soul Beginnings" program. It ranks in the Top 10 with 18- to 34-year-olds. He also feels TV shows like Fox's "American Idol" have helped by featuring lots of old R&B songs.

There's also the question of whether such songs can sell at a time when hip-hop-inflected R&B dominates the field. To address this, Fante's record company is offering a modern remix of his single.

Slade feels the music will make it "if the record companies stick with it."

"People want to hear real singing again," he says. "Next we have to bring back real playing."



Joss Stone performs at the VH1 Divas event at The MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas April.

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More soldiers needed

In response to the July 9 article "Despite congressional worries, Pentagon doesn't need for draft" it is good to see that the Pentagon feels that the Army doesn't need any more soldiers, and a draft is not needed. I think this is really interesting, since the people making these decisions aren't the ones who are being deployed. They feel that the Army is the right size, but I don't see them deploying to Iraq for a second time.

I have a soldier in my unit who was in Iraq for the war, and made a permanent change of station to my unit, just four months before we deployed, and now he is here again. Statistics show that of the troops scheduled for the next rotation, 55 percent have been here before, and we still have people who haven't been here yet.

They say we don't need any more soldiers, yet we are the only branch of service that is recalling personnel who haven't completed their eight-year contract. To me that looks like we need a larger Army.

In the article, David Chu (underseretary of defense for personnel and readiness) was quoted as saying that the strength of today's U.S. military rests in all-volunteer nature, and "I cannot see

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OPINION

Report on CIA woes should take heat off Bush

The Senate Intelligence Committee's scathing critique of the CIA's inaccurate and unsubstantiated claims concerning weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has brought a new dimension to the debate over whether the Bush administration should be held accountable for launching a pre-emptive strike based on a non-existent threat.

Dan Thomasson



Given the certainty with which the agency posited the dangers of chemical, biological and probably nuclear programs from Saddam Hussein, the answer should be no. But what won't stop the president's opponents from contending that Bush should have known despite the Senate taking some of the sting out of that argument.

What has been suspected for some time seems clear now: that Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell based their own charges about WMD to Congress and the United Nations on agency reports that were overstated, distorted, inadequate, unreliable and, in some instances, omitted crucial contradictory information.

Furthermore, the Senate report certifies as never before that the CIA is a failed institution that needs dramatic overhaul sooner rather than later. Until now much of the criticism focused on the FBI's failure to heed signs that might have headed off the Sept. 11, 2001, attack. It now appears that the CIA was equally as culpable and derelict in its as-

essment of the overseas threat.

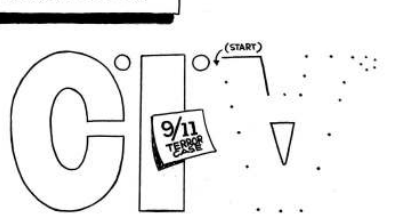
At one point, the CIA failed to disclose to the president that the relatives of Iraqi scientists and even a defector scientist had stated unequivocally that Saddam had abandoned efforts to develop chemical and biological weapons, as he had the program to build a nuclear capability. At another juncture, the agency's higher-ups discouraged internal questions about the reliability of a key informant. Rarely has there been a more devastating disclosure of failure and national disservice that stretches back to the Clinton administration if not further. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters that her husband felt that he had failed to receive adequate information about Iraq and terrorism.

In some instances, the committee believes that analysts may have deliberately distorted evidence to support the claims of WMD presence, leading the investigators to conclude that the CIA had become an advocate for war rather than trying to remain objective in its reports to Bush.

One instance of outright deception cited by the bipartisan committee concerned Powell's assertion to the United Nations that Iraq had mobile biological weapons labs and that a shipment of Iraq-bought aluminum tubes was evidence of a new nuclear program. The CIA argued that the tubes were to be used to help enrich uranium and when experts disagreed, arguing the tubes were for conventional rockets, the CIA hired its own analysts. Ultimately, despite a dissent from his own department, Powell used the tubes to back up WMD claims before the U.N.

Until now administration critics have contended that the White House put its own spin on shaky information to support its case against Saddam. However, the Senate committee found no evidence of White House

Connect the Dots:



pressure on the CIA to alter reports or bolster its claims. That alone should absolve the president of allegations that he deliberately lied to the American public to support his agenda for removing Saddam. ...

No commander in chief can operate without proper intelligence. Robert E. Lee privately blamed his cavalry commander, Gen. Jeb Stewart, for failing to provide adequate reports on Union strength and position at Gettysburg and the Civil War might have ended sooner had Abraham Lincoln not received overstated Pinkerton estimates of the size of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Whether an accurate assessment of the

WMD situation would have deterred the invasion of Iraq is anyone's guess. The president has repaid only that Saddam was such a constant deterrent to stability, supporter of terrorism and murderer of his own people that the world is a safer place without him.

... If the CIA reported accurately that there was no evidence of WMD capacity, it might have given the administration pause. It is a good bet Powell and others would have advised against the invasion.

Unfortunately for Bush, his reliance on this flawed agency may cost him big time, albeit unfairly.

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Need is great, so anti-gay DOD rule must be retired

By NATHANIEL FRANK

In a move some are calling a "backdoor draft," the Pentagon has announced it will issue mandatory recalls to more than 5,600 Army troops for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. The use of these soldiers from the Individual Ready Reserve is the latest step military leaders are taking to maintain adequate troop strength for our continuing battles in the Middle East. Thousands of servicemen have had their tours of duty extended beyond the terms of their contracts. Stop-loss orders were issued to delay scheduled discharges. And Congress recently approved increasing the size of the Army by 20,000 recruits.

As military and political leaders struggle to address critical troop shortages in the Middle East, they should consider the results of a data analysis just released by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military of the University of California at Santa Barbara. Our report, which analyzed data obtained from the Defense Manpower Data Center through a Freedom of Information Act request, revealed that the military is losing mission-critical combat and support specialists because of the ban on openly gay soldiers. What is particularly troubling about the results is that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which requires the discharge of known gays and lesbians, is ousting troops in the same occupational specialties as servicemen who are being involuntarily recalled from civilian life.

The Pentagon's recalls are targeting specialists with needed skills in intelligence, engineering, medicine, administration, transportation, security, and other key support and logistical areas. Under the gay ban, the military has expelled thousands of just such troops: 268 in intelligence; 57 in combat engi-

neering; 331 in medical treatment; 255 in administration; 292 in transportation; 328 in military police and security; and 420 in supply and logistics since 1998. It also booted 88 language specialists (many of them Arabic-language translators and interrogators); 49 nuclear, biological and chemical warfare experts; 52 missile guidance and control operators; and 150 rocket, missile and other artillery specialists.

In certain badly needed specialties, the military could have avoided involuntary recalls altogether if it had not expelled competent gay troops in those fields: It is recalling 72 soldiers in communication and navigation but expelled 115 gay troops in that category; 33 in operational intelligence but expelled 50 gays; 33 in combat operations control but expelled 106.

In total, while the Army is set to recall

5,674 troops from the Individual Ready Reserve, 6,273 troops have been discharged for being gay, lesbian or bisexual since 1998.

The forced extension of military service comes at great cost to America's troops and its mission. We now depend heavily on reservists and National Guard troops, who have less training, higher stress levels and lower morale. Members of the IRR are even less prepared and less cohesive, because they have not been training with a unit while out of the service. The "don't ask, don't tell" policy, in short, puts discrimination against competent soldiers above the combat readiness of the entire force.

Early in the current conflict, the Pentagon issued stop-loss orders to maintain troop strength as the nation went to war. But so determined was the military to spare its ranks the mark of homosexuality that the order ex-

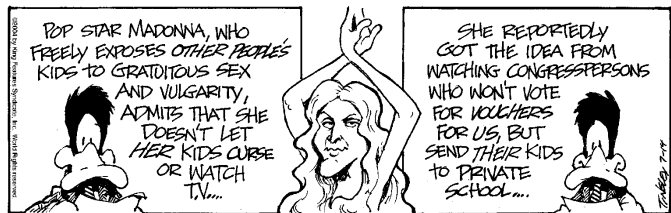
plicitly exempted gay discharges from the stop loss, allowing their expulsions to continue. Yet gay-discharge figures, which have skyrocketed under "don't ask, don't tell," have sagged during the war itself, as they have in every war since World War II. Why? Because commanders in the field, focused on winning the battles at hand, clearly have turned a blind eye to the policy. They know that nearly every expert admits: When unit cohesion matters most, sexual orientation is the furthest thing from anyone's mind.

It's time to call on Congress, which wrote the current gay ban into law, to put national security before discrimination against patriotic gay Americans ready to serve their country.

Nathaniel Frank is a senior research fellow at the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California at Santa Barbara and is writing a book on "don't ask, don't tell." This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



Shoe swipe

KS OVERLAND PARK—If people say you've got two left feet, there's a thief somewhere with a deal for you. Nike salesman Ray Staiger said he left his hotel on Tuesday morning, and found the lock to his pickup truck bed had been broken. Staiger told police someone took 312 shoes he used as sales samples, which he valued at \$10,789.

They were all left shoes. A salesman in Missouri has the right mates.

Staiger had to cancel sales presentations he had scheduled for Kansas City and Omaha, Neb., and return to Wichita for replacement shoes, paying a \$500 deductible.

Reeling them in

FL FORT MYERS—The deputy who reels in the most suspects gets to go fishing.

Capt. Randy Crane of the Lee County Sheriff's Office is offering a cash fishing trip to the deputy who makes the most arrests this month.

After winning a \$100 fishing trip in a race, Crane sent a memo titled "The Race is on!" to 55 deputies, offering up the trip and outlining the incentive.

It's no different than the state of Florida giving an award to an officer who makes more than 100 DUI arrests," he said.

Lee County Sheriff Rod Shoap said the contest does not encourage "bad arrests," partly because supervisors must still approve all arrests.

"How many businesses offer their employees bonuses for top performance? You tell me the difference," Shoap said.

Dog, owner reunited

ID BOISE—Thomas Gaide thought the caller was barking up the wrong tree. An animal shelter in California couldn't possibly have his dog, Chevy.

Chevy was right in front of him, 650 miles away at his Boise home.

But when the man insisted and mentioned a computer chip in the dog's neck, Gaide realized that after seven years, Chevy's predecessor had finally been found.

The older dog disappeared from Gaide's Hayward, Calif., back yard in 1996. Calls were made to the pound, hours were spent searching the neighborhood and countless flyers were posted to no avail.

Now the older Chevy is living happily with Gaide's other three dogs, including Chevy the younger.

Mascot retired

VT SOUTH BURLINGTON—Officials at a South Burlington High School are retiring the school's mascot, a caricature of an American Indian that has come under criticism over the years. Rice Memorial High School officials say the mascot will change within the next few weeks.

Dress-code debate

VT AUGUSTA—Public schools in Augusta want to ban students from wearing gold teeth, sagging pants, large belt buckles and clothing that appears to be gang-related.



lated. The Richmond County school board will consider the proposal, saying it could cut down on distractions and unnecessary fashion statements.

Cashing in

LA CEDAR RAPIDS—Gambling revenues at state-run race tracks and casinos have topped the billion-dollar mark for the first time, with help from the Meskwaki Tribe's casino near Tama.

The three tracks and 10 casinos together raked in \$1.05 billion in the last fiscal year.

Construction ahead

MI DETROIT—A private developer will build a \$40 million office building and a parking deck in Detroit next to Ford Field, where the Detroit Lions football team plays. An upscale hotel is also in the works for the warehouse attached to Ford Field, a team official said. Construction will start in the fall and is expected to be completed in late 2005.

Stamp honors writer

DC WASHINGTON—A new stamp honoring writer James Baldwin will be issued July 23, the U.S. Postal Service said. The 37-cent self-adhesive stamp will be released at a ceremony at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York.

Authors Maya Angelou and Amiri Baraka are scheduled to deliver tributes at the event. Actor Avery Brooks will serve as master of ceremonies and others expected to participate include actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Howard Dodson, head of the Schomburg Center, and the Rev. Samuel Joubert Sr. of Community Baptist Church in New York.



Much-needed shower

Clean water advocate Christopher Swain, of Colchester, Vt., rises off during a photo opportunity after a quick dip in the Hudson River in New York.

of ceremonies and others expected to participate include actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Howard Dodson, head of the Schomburg Center, and the Rev. Samuel Joubert Sr. of Community Baptist Church in New York. Performing at the event will be the Boys Choir of Harlem and singers Odetta and Jerry Dixon.

A native of New York, Baldwin's work explored race relations, the arts and human relationships. He was a leading figure at the height of the civil rights movement.

"Go Tell It on the Mountain," was Baldwin's first novel.

Published in 1953, it was a partly autobiographical story of a young boy's struggle with personal and spiritual issues.

Schools are broke

CA LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Unified School District said it has no money to raise the pay of teachers and other employees this year because of steep budget cuts. The district made \$500 million in cuts to balance a \$6.8 billion budget, officials said.

Bar heads to court

UT LOGAN—A woman and the 20-year-old she allegedly lured her identification are being sued by The White Owl Bar and Grill. The bar had a banner warning minors they'd be sued for illegally entering. The lawsuit claims the 20-year-old placed the bar at risk of losing its liquor license.

Fugitive canine

VA MCLEAN—Police were looking for a black Labrador retriever after it was captured on videotape taking four ceramic figurines from a woman's yard in McLean.

Fairfax County police said yesterday that the dog is a suspect in four other heists.

In June, police said, Ruth Breiner, 75, asked for help in stopping a series of thefts from her yard. A ceramic raccoon vanished in April. A small deer figurine disappeared in early June.

Fairfax police set up a video surveillance system, Officer Sophia Griman said. They caught the thief — on videotape — but the thefts haven't stopped. Griman said four more figurines were stolen late at night, and the culprit each time was a Labrador that scooped up the small items with his mouth and trotted off.

Korean War memorial

ME PORTLAND—An abandoned gas station in Buxton may become the site of Maine's third memorial to veterans of the Korean War.

The York County town has memorials to World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War, but only a small marker commemorates the Korean War. The plan is to level the defunct Groveville Service Station and make it into a monument to what has been called "America's Forgotten War."

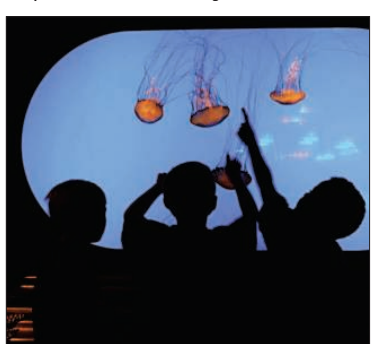


A sky crane drops retardant on a portion of the Nuttall fire atop Mount Graham, near Safford, Ariz.

Welcome delivery



Dave Goar competes in the jump category of the Fergus Falls Barefoot Open and National Barefoot League Tournament in Fergus Falls, Minn. Goar landed his first attempt for 22 feet and fell on his following two runs.



A group of children from the Westgate Family Children's summer camp in Delhi, Ohio, look at a display of West Coast sea nettles (a type of jellyfish) during a visit to the Newport Aquarium in Newport, Ky.



On track Members of West Virginia University's Mountaineer Alumni participate in a train pull in Cumberland, Md., during Canalefest-Railfest. The 15-member group pulled the 1916 Baldwin Steam Engine 22.94 feet.



Descending the mountain Members of the Northern Nevada Development Authority tour the Yucca Mountain, Nev., Project.



Cleaning up Tourists lie down on the carpet under the dome of the West Baden Hotel in West Baden, Ind. Residents of West Baden hope a casino operator will restore both the vacant West Baden Hotel and the French Lick Springs Resort & Spa.



Trotting to the graveyard Randy Tribitt's longtime friends Bruce Kenyon, left, and Lynn Pederson transport his body to the LaBolt Cemetery in a horse-drawn hearse followed by Kenneth Raymond who leads a riderless horse in South Dakota.

Upset teen shoots mom

NY ROCHESTER — Upset when his mother harangued him about abusing drugs, a teenager told police he aimed a shotgun at the back of her head as she lay on the living-room couch and "stood there for a few minutes thinking" before pulling the trigger.

Nathan DeWispelaere, 18, whose elder brother died of a drug overdose last year, was charged with killing his mother, Elizabeth, a nursing director, at their home in Sparta in rural western New York in May.

Although the gun barrel was just two feet from her head, "I don't think that Mom knew that I was there," sheriff's investigators quoted DeWispelaere as saying.

Trucking drug money

KY LOUISVILLE — Kentucky authorities snatched \$330,000 in suspected drug money, thanks to a truck driver's poor sense of direction.

The cash was stashed in 32 bundles in a secret compartment under a sleeping mattress in the tractor-trailer, a Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer said. The hiding place was uncovered by a drug-sniffing dog at a weigh station along Interstate 65 outside Elizabethtown.

"We feel confident that the compartment was used to not only smuggle currency but also drug contraband," Maj. David Herald, who commands vehicle enforcement's special operations unit, said in a phone interview.

No drugs were found, he said, and two Texas men aboard the tractor-trailer were released after questioning. The vehicle belonged to a trucking company based in Brownsville, Texas, he said.

Spill-free year for oil

AK ANCHORAGE — Not one drop of crude oil spilled into Prince William Sound from oil tankers in 2003 — the first spill-free year since the ships started carrying crude from the trans-Alaska pipeline terminal in 1977.

More modern tankers and better management helped the sound's four tanker operators ship 450 loads, or about 330 million barrels, of North Slope crude from the tank dock at Valdez last year without a spill, regulators and industry officials said.

Dietrich said part of the credit goes to the double-hulled tankers that Congress mandated after the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill. Several prior spills occurred when cracks developed in older, single-hulled ships.

Pit bulls confiscated

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — State narcotics agents seized more than 80 pit bull dogs after three search warrants were served in Checotah and at the Tulsa residence of a former NFL football player.

The seizures are part of an investigation that resulted in the confiscation of 141 dogs in May and the arrests of 22 people, including former running back LaShon Johnson, said Mark Woodward, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

"When we did the roundup in

May, we knew we didn't get all of the people involved, nor did we get all of the dogs," Woodward said. "Today, we found the dogs we were looking for, as well as documentation that will help us serve to 10 more people to this dog fighting and drug distribution network."

Rough landing

CA SANTA CLARITA — A single-engine plane trying to make an emergency landing on a freeway clipped a van and flipped upside down, and the pilot was arrested for flying under the influence of alcohol, authorities said.

Pilot Marc South, 53, of Elly, Ariz., was treated for minor injuries before being taken into custody, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

South was administered a sobriety test, said Officer Brian Joy of the California Highway Patrol. His blood-alcohol level was not released.

South told investigators his plane's engine died and he began making an emergency landing on northbound lanes of Interstate 5.

Drivers slowed down to make way but South lost control when the plane's wing clipped a van, said Officer Brian Joy of the California Highway Patrol.

More science in school?

TX DALLAS — A \$200 million plan being considered by the State Board of Education would require high school students across the state to take four years of science classes in order to graduate — double the current requirement.

Proponents say the more rigorous standards are needed in the face of poor test scores in science. But critics cite a lack of science teachers and say the increased costs needed to build hundreds of new science classrooms and laboratories could take away from other areas, such as already cash-strapped districts.

Under a new law passed by the Legislature, beginning this fall Texas high school students will have to take at least three years of science to graduate. Previously, only two years of science classes were required.

School name choices

NH MERRIMACK — There's a showdown brewing over the name of a new middle school set to open in September.

It's down to two on the short list of names — the late President Ronald Reagan vs. legendary Native American leader Sacagawea.

Republican state Rep. Peter Batula is pushing for Reagan, who often played cowboys in his movie career. But town resident and history buff Rick Barnes insists Sacagawea is a better choice because of his local ties.

Sacagawea led the tribes of the Merrimack Valley during the 1600s. He is said to have had mystical powers and lived past 100.

"There's really no connection between Merrimack and Reagan," Barnes said, echoing arguments he made to the School Board. "I couldn't even find any evidence that he stopped here when he was campaigning," he said.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

With the moon void of course, it's a listless, drifty, tumbleweed-in-the-vast-desert kind of morning. From a zen point of view, this is the perfect environment to empty your mind, making it ready for future wonders to drop in. Prize space and quiet — try to get more of it in your life. Stop loved ones from distracting you with problems and chatter.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 14). This year, an image change attracts a plethora of new opportunities. You won't even know which one to celebrate first! Now through August features many dates. The best signs for new love are Pisces and Gemini. Over the appearance of finally comes in January. Finances perk up when you feel your work is making a difference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get a history lesson and be determined not to repeat a doomed series of steps. Relationships thrive — you're more determined than ever to make things work. Go for adventure tonight. Rent a boat, or fly a kite.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's so tempting to stick your nose into other people's affairs, especially because you're almost sure you can help. In fact, your influence will make a difference, but it's all in how you approach it. Be a delicate diplomat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be modeling exactly what you'd like to receive from others. It's an excellent way to get what you want, though you may realize in the process just how huge the effort you're asking from others really is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Providing a service that others truly need brings you joy overflowing. Instructional, educational and cultural purposes are your forte. If only you didn't have to keep selling yourself over and over. Love keeps you on your toes tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have to feel supervised but don't mind at all being put in a position to supervise others. It's because you

have an eye for how to complete tasks simply and correctly, and a talent for relaying to-the-point information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have amazing problem-solving abilities, and you'll be in a position to use them. Money is just money, so put those worries in their proper perspective, and realize what the real issue is — priorities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A career opportunity is passed to you, but you look at it like it's debris from another planet that fell out of the sky. What do you do with it? Ask a lot of questions. Don't be afraid of sounding ignorant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling young, dashing and impetuous, and it reads clearly to the world. That's why you're beloved by the ladies/gentlemen. With all this new power, it's easy to be a heart-breaker. Be sensitive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your enthusiasm for all things scrumptious and magnificent is contagious! You'll want to experience it all but must make budget-conscious choices. Tonight, if you're not working up a sweat, it's not worth your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If birds of a feather flock together, you'll be hanging out with some peacocks today — you've got stuff to strut. Your personality is colorful and vibrant, and you'll want to share with people with just as much to give.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your public profile gets a boost. You've got your finger on the pulse, which not only helps you come up with the cutting-edge solution you need but makes you the person to ask. Higher-ups may give you more responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some situations feel hopeless. If you can't make a difference, why make an effort, right? Well, it's difficult to judge in the moment whether or not you're being influential, but in the long term, all positive actions win out. Have faith.

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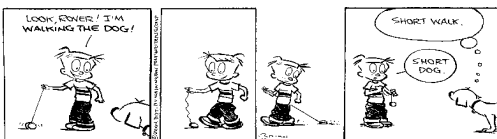
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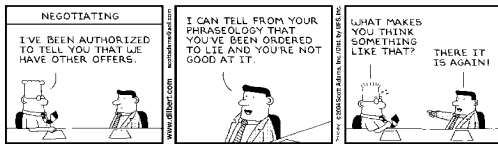
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ASTRONOMER'S
WITTY REPLY TO HIS PAL'S STATEMENT:
"WELL, ISN'T THAT SPATIAL!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals L

A fowl habit at the dinner table

Dear Abby: I recently met a lady I'll call Gloria. We have been spending time together and enjoying each other's company.

Last week, she invited me to her home for dinner. While I was eating, she excused herself from the table and returned a few minutes later with her pet cockatiel, "Bogart," on her shoulder. After she sat down, she placed a morsel of food in her hand and lifted it to her shoulder so Bogart could eat.

Next, she put some food in her mouth, and with the bird still on her shoulder, exposed the tip of her tongue (which had another morsel of food on it), and proceeded to let Bogart peck the food off her tongue. Finally, she craned her neck toward the bird as if delivering a passionate kiss, while Bogart inserted his beak between Gloria's lips and withdrew a shroud of food.

I enjoy Gloria's company very much, but we are only at the

beginning of a relationship. Abby, does being a pet lover have any bearing on what is appropriate at the dinner table? And what are the health implications of intimate contact with one's bird? Was what Gloria did acceptable behavior at the table?

— Nauseated

Dear Abby



Dear Nauseated: However, putting aside her lack of basic table manners, I have a "ridiculous" question for you: This is a basic hygiene issue — meaning there are health concerns for both Gloria and her pet. My veterinary expert, Dr. Ervin Davis, tells me that the oral cavities of both birds and humans are teeming with bacteria. Both Gloria and Bogart could catch something potentially harmful.

Do not kiss Gloria unless she first gorges with a mouthwash that kills germs on contact.

Dear Abby: I lost my virginity

about a month ago. My mother and I have always been close, and I have been able to tell her anything. But this time I'm not sure I can.

What if I see hurt and disappointment in her eyes when I say it? My mother got pregnant young, and she has always told me she doesn't want that life for me. So, Abby, do I tell her or not?

— "Daisy" in Las Cruces, N.M.

Dear "Daisy": It is important for a number of reasons that you tell your mother. She may be hurt and disappointed, but she will also understand. It is important that you be examined by a doctor and learn how to protect yourself from becoming pregnant or catching a sexually transmitted disease. It is even more important that you learn how not to be pressured into having sex. Your mother can help you with these things because she learned the hard way. So level with her NOW.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argentin The 500,000+ have been DISCONTINUED



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Family problems can be avoided

Dear Annie: I have a wonderful husband and in-laws for most of the year, but that all changes when my husband's sister, "Robin," comes each summer for a month.

Robin expects me to baby-sit her children while she has "family time" with my husband and his parents. My in-laws bend over backward to accommodate her. They pay her kids to mow the lawn or do the laundry, but they would never pay my children, who do these things for their grandparents all year round. My father-in-law takes Robin's kids fishing nearly every morning, but my kids are not included.

Robin makes disparaging remarks about my weight or my education.

Her children mimic her attitude and berate my kids.

I think the whole lot of them is selfish and spoiled, and my father-in-law and his parents are oblivious to it.

Just thinking of Robin's

Annie's Mailbox



month-long visit this year is causing my health to deteriorate. My kids are dreading it as well. Please advise me how I can make it through.

— Stressing Already

Dear Stressing: Some parents have a tendency to value most those children they see the least. Since you live near your in-laws the rest of the year, you do not need to be there when Robin visits. Spend a week or two in her company so the kids don't forget what their cousins look like. Then let your husband know that you and the children are going to be busy. Robin won't miss you, and there's no reason you have to stick around and be tormented.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently were invited to a wedding at a resort several states away. Although the cost of traveling and accommodations are expensive, my husband and I

decided it would be a nice excuse for a vacation.

I promptly returned the RSVP card, purchased non-refundable airline tickets, put down a deposit at the hotel and ordered a gift to be sent to the couple.

Two weeks later, we received a computer-generated postcard saying that the couple was unable to accommodate all those who wished to come to the ceremony and would have to rescind our invitation. I am stunned, and my husband is furious. We're already out \$850. What should we do?

— Agghast in Alabama

Dear Agghast: What boors. There's not much you can do now, but this couple ought to be ashamed of themselves. "We've run out of room" is not an acceptable excuse for rescinding a wedding invitation. Since you already have paid \$850, we say go anyway and have a nice vacation.

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Family Circus



"PJ's tryin' to sneak up on my soda with a straw!"

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A LOT OF HAPPINESS IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED BECAUSE IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING

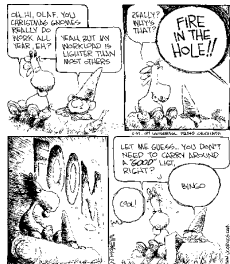
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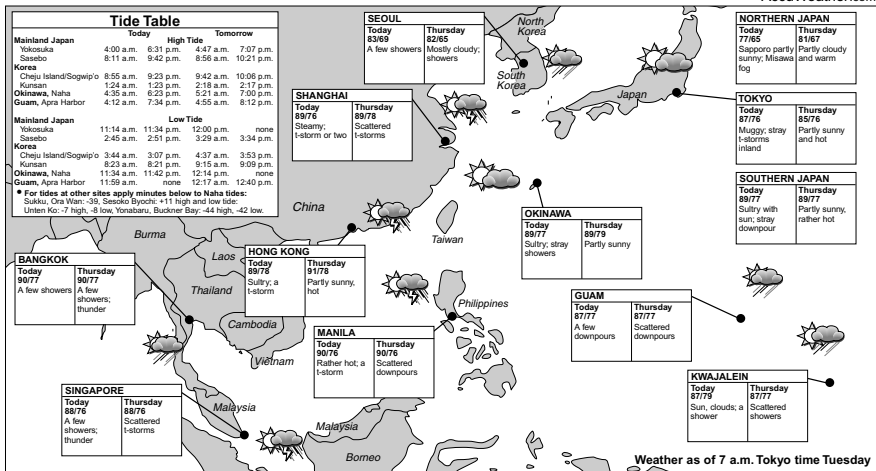
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 73.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high 82, low 73.

KADENA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 89, low 79.
Saturday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 77.

SEOUL

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 82, low 67.
Saturday: Showers, high 83, low 69.

MANILA

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 90, low 76.
Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 75.

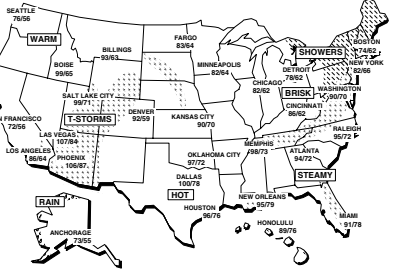
HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 89, low 77.
Saturday: Showers, high 89, low 79.

Monday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	89/68	Los Angeles	84/64
Amarillo	90/56	Little Rock	94/74
Anchorage	80/56	Louisville	89/72
Ashville	84/65	Miami	92/77
Baltimore	85/71	Milwaukee	84/66
Birmingham	91/73	Nashville	93/73
Bismarck	90/67	New York	78/67
Boise	95/64	Omaha	95/74
Boston	79/62	Orlando	92/74
Brownsville	92/74	Philadelphia	78/70
Buffalo	82/65	Phoenix	110/88
Burlington	81/62	Pittsburgh	82/67
Charleston, SC	90/76	Pittsburgh, OR	90/61
Charlotte	91/70	Portland, ME	77/59
Cleveland	80/67	Salt Lake City	96/71
Columbus, OH	85/68	St. Louis	94/77
Duluth	80/60	San Antonio	89/73
El Paso	94/71	San Diego	76/66
Hartford	78/63	San Juan	88/76
Helena	88/54	Tampa	92/75
Indianapolis	87/70	Tulsa	97/76
Jacksonville	92/73	Washington	83/73
Kansas City	96/75	Wichita	98/72

Wednesday, July 14



U.S. Extended Forecast

An unusually strong storm system will move through the East Wednesday, sparking numerous showers and thunderstorms from New England to the Carolinas and Tennessee Valley. Some of the storms will become severe with large hail and gusty winds. Heavy downpours will also be a concern. Hot weather will persist across much of the South. Afternoon thunderstorms will pop up in the Rockies and Southwest. Showers and thunderstorms will continue across the Northeast Thursday and it will be unusually cool. Thunderstorms will also move across the Southeast and central Plains. Hot weather will continue across Texas.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/77	Iwakuni	89/76
Beijing	96/70	Kadena AB	89/77
Camp Casey	81/67	Kansan AB	89/70
Christchurch	52/39	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	90/76
Hagatna	87/77	Misawa AB	67/61
Hanoi	85/72	Okinawa	89/76
Hong Kong	89/78	Perth	60/45
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	81/72
		Sasebo NB	88/77
		Sapporo	77/65
		Seoul	83/69
		Shanghai	89/76
		Singapore	88/76
		Sydney	62/41
		Taegu	81/70
		Taipei	90/73
		Tokyo	87/76

Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	92/77	Buenos Aires	70/48	Kabul	89/52
Acapulco	88/64	London	66/55	Nairobi	77/50
Athens	88/64	Madrid	75/57	New Delhi	96/79
Auckland	53/44	Mexico City	75/56	Oslo	64/46
Baghdad	114/63	Montreal	80/63	Paris	69/57
Barbados	86/70	Moscow	79/59	Rio de Janeiro	77/50
Barcelona	70/58	Warsaw	65/46	St. Petersburg	69/51
Berlin	63/46			Stockholm	63/50
Bermuda	86/75				
Brussels	69/47				



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New commissary newsletter keeps customers connected to their benefit

By Bonnie Powell
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FORT LEE, Va. — Staying connected to your commissary benefit is now just a click away. Commissary Connection, a customer newsletter delivered via e-mail. Shoppers can sign up now at www.commissaries.com.

Commissaries may carry "Spam" on store shelves, but DeCA officials have no intention of delivering it through e-mail. "Commissary Connection will be a fairly informal newsletter," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency.

"We send it out only when we have significant news to communicate to customers," said Kennedy. "We already work with military newspapers, television, radio and various military news services to get the word out to customers. Commissary news is also available on our Web site, and many commissaries have a store newsletter they send out locally. Commissary

Connection is simply another tool to proactively communicate with customers and keep them informed of 'what's happening' in commissaries."

Commissary Connection keeps customers abreast of news about promotions and sales — even offering links to manufacturer and vendor sites where they can enter shopping sprees and contests, or sign up for commercial newsletters.

The newsletter is delivered from CommissaryConnection@deca.mil and sign up is through a link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com>. Shoppers are not required to give any personal information when they sign up. "All people have to do to subscribe is give us an e-mail address," said Kennedy.

"We take privacy issues very seriously and we don't collect information on our customers. We also wanted to keep the process simple." Subscribers will receive a welcoming e-mail when they sign up.

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Right - Col Bill Uhle, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kusan ROK, was the first customer through the line when the new Kusan All Commissary opened on June 16. Col Uhle bought a six pack of seven up and a can of deluxe, mixed nuts. Second in line is SrA Justin Oakley, Airman of the Quarter, with a box of frosted mini-wheats.

Above - Mr. Allen Chin, Chief of Construction, Plans & Programs, US Army Corps of Engineers; Rick Page, Director, DeCA West; Patrick Nixon, Deputy Director, DeCA; Woo Song, Store Director, Kusan Commissary; SrA Justin Oakley, Kusan Airman of the Quarter; Col Bill Uhle, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing; Mr. Jeon Han Kim, President, Shinsageye Construction Co.; Col Lisa Belue, Commander, 8th Mission Support Group cut the ribbon at the long anticipated grand opening.



Two diverse courses await Troon contenders

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Tiger Woods played one practice round on what seemed like two courses Monday.

He walked to the 10th tee at the far end of Royal Troon and turned to face a fresh breeze off the Irish Sea. Glancing back at the first nine holes he played, Woods grinned and said, "That was a nice little course, wasn't it?"

Then, staring ahead at a blind tee shot over mounds of prickly gorse bushes on a 435-yard hole that begins one of the most daunting back nines in the British Open, Woods said sternly, "This is where it starts."

"That was the IV," he added. "This is the varsity."

Perhaps no other links in the British Open has two nines that are as diverse.

The outward nine plays with the prevailing wind and is only 3,462 yards with two par 5s, one of them reachable in two with as little as a 7-iron second shot. The inward nine is 3,713 yards and plays into the teeth of the wind, yet it has only one par 5.

"You're going to see a lot of birdies and sure enough some eagles on the front nine," Mark Calavecchia said. "But then you get to the 10th tee, and the fun starts. If the wind is blowing pretty good, which I hope it does, I've got to believe the back nine will play ... five shots harder."



AP

Tiger Woods tees off on the fifth tee Monday during an early morning practice round at the British Open at Royal Troon in Troon, Scotland.

It was blowing hard late Sunday evening when Mark O'Meara came to the 457-yard closing hole and barely reached the fairway with one of his best drives. It was blowing moderately Monday morning when Woods cracked a 3-iron toward the 222-yard 17th hole and watched it barely creep up to the putting surface.

"I can't get there with that," he said under his breath.

This Jekyll & Hyde links will holds its eighth British Open starting Thursday, with the focus on Woods trying to end his 0-for-8 drought in the major championships. Phil Mickelson attempting to add to an illustrious season that already includes a green jacket, and Ernie Els with another out-

side chance to become No. 1 in the world.

Mostly, the attention will be directed to the crackle of flags atop the clubhouse. After all, the official club history is titled "The Breezy Links 'O' Troon."

"You try to make your score going out," said Lee Westwood, whose best finish in a British Open was a tie for 10th at Royal Troon in 1997. "I remember last time there were a lot of guys who were 4 and 5 under par on the first eight holes. And then you try to hang on."

Not all the first nine holes play like a local municipal course.

The shortest hole in Open history, the 123-yard "Postage Stamp" that can turn fortunes quickly.

The green is narrow with two pot bunkers to the left, one in front and two to the right. O'Meara tossed a ball in the soft, brown sand during his practice round early Monday, blasted it out and watched it roll across the green toward another bunker.

Herman Tissies, a German amateur, was bunkered left of the green in the 1950 British Open. It took him five shots to get out—to a bunker on the right. He eventually made 15. Woods was trying to get back into contention in the final round in 1997 until taking a practice bogey on the Postage Stamp hole.

Just the sight of it can be intimidating.

"I was nervous today and it was a practice round, and it was a 9-iron and the wind wasn't blowing very hard," Calavecchia said. "It's an awesome little hole."

The rest of the front nine is relatively easy. Players routinely try to drive the green on the 370-yard opening hole and the 379-yard third hole, and Woods gave passing thought to trying to drive the 405-yard fourth.

That's not technology talking—that's a wee breeze at Royal Troon, not to mention the firm fairways of a links that require landing the ball some 30 yards short of the green and bouncing onto the green.

But while the holes aren't particularly long, some skill is required.

Calavecchia had 240 yards left to the front of the 560-yard fourth hole and decided to hit 5-iron.

"I normally fly my 5-iron about 195 to 200, so I figure I need to fly it 30 or 40 yards short of the green," he said. "I hit a good shot, landed 30, 40 yards short the green and went over."

"So it was your stock 270-yard 5-iron. And I'm not one of the longer guys with my irons."

Still, the back nine is what separates the contenders.

Tee shots are into the wind, so any errant shot is exaggerated, and there are gorse bushes lining some of the fairways. Those are like shrubs full of tiny thorns, which essentially serves as a one-shot penalty. And at 3,713 yards, the back nine plays significantly longer.

Calavecchia won at Royal Troon in 1989 with one of the best shots of his life, a 5-iron from 201 yards in the first cut of rough onto about 15 feet on the 18th hole to win a four-hole playoff against Greg Norman and Wayne Grady.

Justin Leonard won in 1997 with a brilliant performance on the greens, which are among the purest in Britain. Also back in a rare appearance is Tom Weiskopf, the last wire-to-wire winner in the British Open who captured his only major at Royal Troon in 1973.

"There's a few changes, some new bunkers, some tees and some new flags," Weiskopf said. "But the course basically plays the same. There's some opportunities on the front nine. And then the back nine, it's long and demanding and difficult."

Tour ejects two cyclists under review for doping

The Associated Press

LIMOGES, France — Two cyclists being investigated in doping cases were ejected from the Tour de France on Monday, a decision one of the riders said was "cruel."

Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc said Stefano Casagrande of the Saeco team and Martin Hvastija of Alessio were no longer welcome and would not start Tuesday's ninth stage.

"We do not want the serenity of the competition disrupted by their presence," Leblanc said.

Hvastija was 124th in the overall standings, and Casagrande 155th.

"I don't understand such a cruel decision," Hvastija told The Associated Press. He suggested that he and Casagrande were unfairly punished because they are not top performers.

"If we looked at all the little problems that we have, half of the peloton should not restart," he said.

Hvastija said Italian investigators began a conversation he had with a teammate during the 2001 Tour of Italy about a recently banned substance. He did not reveal the name of the other rider or the product, but said it had been legally used before.

He said he told his Alessio team about the "small case" before the Tour, and that they supported him. He claimed Leblanc was aware of it and "respected the decision of my director" to let him race.

Meanwhile, Tour organizers have con-

tacted judicial officials in San Remo, Italy, about an article in the French newspaper Le Monde that said one of Lance Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service teammates — Czech Pavel Padmos — has been summoned to appear before an Italian tribunal for allegedly taking doping substances during the 2001 Tour of Italy.

Johan Bruyneel, the Postal team director, dismissed the report last week.

Before the Tour, organizers said all riders "implicated in a judicial inquiry or under police investigation" would be barred.

Sources: McDiess, Pistons reach deal

DETROIT — Antonio McDiess has accepted the Detroit Pistons' four-year, \$23 million contract offer, a source told The Associated Press on Monday.

The NBA champion Pistons will be able to sign the 6-foot-9 forward on Wednesday when a two-week player movement moratorium expires. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a feuding year is included in the deal but is not guaranteed.

McDiess has averaged 16.7 points, 8.5 rebounds and 1.6 blocks during his eight-year career, which has been plagued by injuries since the 2000-01 season.

He played 42 games last season — 24 in Phoenix and 18 with New York — and averaged 6.9 points and 6.1 rebounds.

McDiess played just 10 games for Denver during the 2001-02 season — one season after averaging 20.8 points and 12.1 rebounds — and missed all of the 2002-03 season with knee problems.

He will likely fill the void left by reserve



AP

The Detroit Pistons have offered Antonio McDiess a four-year, \$23 million contract, a source told The Associated Press.

center Mehmet Okur, a restricted free agent who has agreed to sign with the Utah Jazz.

Devils sign defenseman Matvichuk

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils bolstered their defense Monday by signing unrestricted free-agent defenseman Richard Matvichuk, who comes to the Meadowlands after 12 seasons with the Dallas Stars.

Terms of the deal were not released.

The 31-year-old Matvichuk had 21 points and 36 penalty minutes in 75 games last season with Dallas. The 6-foot-2, 215-pounder was paid \$2.2 million last season.

Air Force softball camps still need more prospects

Stars and Stripes

The All-Air Force men's and women's softball coaches have extended to the end of this week the deadline to submit a resume application to the respective try-out camps.

The deadline originally was June 21, but coaches Steve Shortland and Bill Hardy still had slots to fill as of Tuesday.

The men's camp is scheduled for Aug. 17-Sept. 5 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; the women's, Aug. 25-Sept. 12 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

As of Tuesday, 25 men and 22 women had applied. Hardy is hoping for 31 players, and Shortland seeks a maximum of 33.

"Right now, if you put in your résumé, you're coming to camp," Hardy said by phone from Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. "That's what it's come to. I have to have 31. Then I'm good to go."

So far, five Pacific Air Force players have been selected to the teams, three from Kadena Air Base — Carlo Argon and Joey Chastain for the men and returning All-Air Force women's shortstop Paul Dancer for Osan Air Base in Korea and returning All-American Jamie Thompson of Misawa Air Base in Japan also have been picked to attend the women's camp.

Interested players may contact their respective base fitness centers or contact Steve Brown at Air Force Sports at (210) 652-3471.



Maurice Greene, the gold medalist in the 100 meters at the Sydney Games, reacts after winning the 100 at the U.S. Olympic track trials.

100: Greene backs up his 'G.O.A.T.' motto

100. FROM BACK PAGE

That left Alvin Harrison as the only one of the four still running in the trials. He made it through the first round of the 400 Sunday. Jones has not been formally accused of any drug offense, but remains under investigation by the USADA. She has repeatedly, firmly denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs.

After her poor showing Saturday, she followed a beefy bodyguard off the track to a golf cart that took her away.

"I talk to you guys and you say something negative," she said. "I don't talk to you guys and you say something negative. I'd much rather not talk and spend time with my son."

Montgomery is finished, but Jones will be back at the Cal State-Sacramento track Monday night for the long jump qualifying. She also is entered in the 200.

Greene, who turns 30 on July 23, appeared ready to defend his gold medal in the 100 with a 9.91 clocking. Justin Gatlin was second in 9.92 and Shawn Crawford third in 9.93. The top three in each event make the Olympic team.

"My goal is to go 1-2-3 and show the world we have the best sprinters," Greene said.

Crawford has the world's fastest time this year, 9.87 seconds last month in the Prefontaine Classic.

"I think I'll win it" in Athens, Crawford said. "I'm through being humble."

Greene's comeback from a broken leg in a 2002 motorcycle accident is complete.

"Greatest of all time, what can I say?" he said.

That's what the "G.O.A.T." tattoo on his right biceps stands for. There's also a lion in the tattoo, representing Greene's self-proclaimed status as king.

"And the track is my jungle," he said.

Greene's victory prevented a sweep of the sprint titles by coach Trevor Graham — whose pupils include Gatlin, Crawford and women's 100 champion LaTasha

Colander. Graham is the former coach of Montgomery and Jones, who dumped him last year.

Montgomery, Jones and dozens of other athletes testified before the grand jury that ultimately indicted four men connected with the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. The four men, including baseball star Barry Bonds' personal trainer, have pleaded innocent to distributing steroids to top athletes.

Harrison finished second in his opening-round heat of the 400 to advance to Monday's semifinals. Also advancing was his twin brother, Calvin, who faces a two-year suspension for failing two drug tests.

"Everything will be OK, so just keep your thumbs up and keep the smiles going," Alvin Harrison said. "Everything's all right."

Joining the Harrisons in the semifinals was world champion Jerome Young, who recently had his 2000 Olympic relay gold medal taken away because of a failed drug test in 1999.

In other events Sunday in 96-degree heat, Tiombe Hudson — who is legally blind — broke the U.S. record in the women's triple jump with a winning leap of 47 feet, 5 inches. The old record of 47-3½" was set by Sheila Hudson in 1996.

Sheena Johnson, who just completed her senior season at UCLA, won the 400 hurdles in a world-leading 52.95 seconds, the fastest time by an American on U.S. soil.

Johnnie Brenda Taylor and Lashinda Demus had the three fastest times in the world in making the U.S. team in the event.

Tim Mack won the men's pole vault, but failed in three attempts to break the U.S. record of 19-9½. He will be joined in Athens by Toby Stevenson and Derek Miles. Defending Olympic champion Nick Hysony finished fifth and failed to qualify.

World champion Dwight Phillips easily won the long jump. The event was absent his chief rival Savante Stringfellow, who is out for the season with a torn Achilles' tendon.

Hansen, Lezak earn share of spotlight in swim trials

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Brendan Hansen set another world record in the U.S. swim trials on Sunday, stealing some attention away from Michael Phelps.

Hansen won the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2 minutes, 9.04 seconds, beating the record of 2:09.42 set by Japan's Kosuke Kitajima in last year's world championships.

On Thursday, Hansen broke Kitajima's record in the 100 breaststroke.

"When I got in this pool for the first time, I definitely thought something special might happen here," Hansen said.

It did. The 22-year-old native of Havertown, Pa., became the first American since John Hencken in 1974 to hold the world record at both distances.

In other races, Jason Lezak won the 100 freestyle and gained the upper hand over rival Gary Hall, who finished third. Hall still earned a trip to Athens on the relays, joining the elder Hall as the first father-son duo to make three Olympics apiece.

"I just qualified for my third Olympics and I'm really happy," Hall said. "I'd also like to start campaigning now for team captain."

In another testament to family ties, Dana Kirk won the 200 butterfly, joining older sibling Tara as the first sisters to make the same U.S. Olympic swim team.

Ed Moses, who was America's dominant breaststroker in the Sydney Games, failed in his bid to return to the Olympics. Bothered by breathing problems, he struggled to a fourth-place showing, more than three seconds behind runner-up Scott Usher, who claimed the expected second spot on the team at 2:10.90.

"It's 100 percent disappointing," Moses said.

Then there's Hansen, the domi-

nant college breaststroker over the past four years who peaked at just the right time. He even surprised his coach by eclipsing Kitajima's 200 record.

"We figured it would be two or three years down the line before anyone broke it," said Eddie Reese, who coached Hansen at Texas and will be part of the U.S. staff in Athens. "The only way he could break it was to go out as fast as he went out. The 100 speed gave him the confidence to push his 200 out."

Hansen made his third Olympic team in Long Beach, just as his father did 28 years ago. In those trials, the elder Hall held up his son — not yet 2 years old — in the pool after qualifying for the Montreal Games.

"I have no recollection of that," Hall Jr. quipped.

Lezak got the last laugh in this pool, a temporary outdoor structure set up at the Long Beach harbor. He went out strongly — under world-record pace at the start — and held on to win in 48.41.

Ian Crocker, who holds the world record in the 100 butterfly, earned the second individual spot in 49.06. After winning bronze at Sydney, Hall missed a chance to duplicate that feat in Athens, but he'll swim the 400 free relay.

Lezak and Hall have been trash-talking back and forth over the past few months; their rivalry sparked again in the trials when Hall's agent, David Arluck, compared Lezak to "Spud Webb kicking Michael Jordan in the shins."

"That will never go away," backstroker Aaron Peirsol said. "They're sprinters, man. Sprinters are a different breed. It's expected."

Lezak took advantage of a great start, hitting the water two-tenths of a second ahead of Hall, and gutted it out at the end.

"I was really tired going into the wall," Lezak said. "I saw my competition to the side of me and

I just wanted to get there before them."

When it was over, Hall leaped over the rope and shook hands with Lezak — their feud apparently paid off.

Dana Kirk also went out strongly in the butterfly and held on to win in 2:08.86. Tara Kirk had already made the team in the 100 breaststroke.

Kaitlin Sandeno finished second in Dana Kirk in 2:09.94, claiming a spot in her third individual event for Athens.

"It's great to be on the Olympic team with my sister," Dana Kirk said. "I've been waiting for this a long time. It's going to be great having someone there who knows what I need to swim my best."

Misty Hyman finished last in the eight-woman final — very different from her performance four years ago, when she won Olympic gold with a stunning upset of "Mad Max" butterfly. Australia's Susan O'Neill.

"I'm obviously disappointed," Hyman said. "Training had just started in the 200 IM, was easily last four or five months. I was hoping it would be enough, but it was too little, too late."

Three days later his busiest day yet with four races. He advanced to Monday's final in the 200 backstroke as the second-fastest qualifier behind Peirsol, the world record holder and silver medalist at Sydney.

Peirsol challenged his own world record with a time of 1:55.33 just 0.18 off the mark. Phelps, conserving energy for the 100 IM, swam with his heat in 1:57.30.

"I was pretty easy," Peirsol said. "It's good that I'm two seconds ahead of the field. I will do the best I can to hold him [Phelps] off. I'm not going to hold back. This is not the place to do that."

Phelps, who holds the world record in the 200 IM, was easily the fastest semis qualifier in 1:57.64 — nearly four seconds ahead of anyone else.

Armstrong remains wary of Ullrich

BY JAMEY KEATERN
The Associated Press

LIMOGES, France — Lance Armstrong knows exactly where his biggest rival stands in the Tour de France.

While Jan Ullrich went largely unnoticed in the crash-riddled first week, Armstrong has been paying close attention to the German and figures he'll be a factor in the mountain stages.

"That's OK to be quiet so far," Armstrong said. "He's been silent, conservative and out of the way."

Still, doubts about Ullrich remain.

"Where's Ullrich?" read a headline Sunday in the French sports newspaper L'Equipe, speculating that a cold he had in the week before the race could have hurt him.

But his team insists all is well,

and Armstrong rejected suggestions that the 30-year-old German has lost his drive after five second-place finishes — one off the record for the event.

"He's hungry," Armstrong said after he and other riders arrived by plane Sunday in Limoges.

After a rest day on Monday, the race heads for three days into the Massif Central, a mountainous, rugged plateau offering an indication of how riders will fare in tougher climbs through the Pyrenees and Alps later in the three-week event.

"We'll start to see the start of the mountains," said Armstrong, who is seeking his record sixth straight title.

Norway's Thor Hushovd, the winner Sunday in a hilly but fast stage through Brittany in western

France, and other speedsters will give way in the mountains to more nimble climbers and all-rounders such as Ullrich and Armstrong.

French champion Thomas Voeckler retained the overall leader's yellow jersey, with Armstrong taking 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind.

Ullrich was 20th, 55 seconds behind the American.

Armstrong and other top riders, including American Tyler Hamilton and Italy's Ivan Basso, are likely to make moves to wrest the yellow jersey from Voeckler before the race finishes in Paris on July 25.

More than half of the 188 riders who started the race on July 3 have been involved in crashes — the latest Sunday in the 104.1-mile stage from Lamballe to Quimper in Brittany.

All-Star Game or Old-timers' day?

Slogan in Houston this year could be 'the older, the better'

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The National League All-Star clubhouse will be baseball's old folks home.

Roger Clemens, who turns 42 in three weeks, is slated to become the oldest player to ever start an All-Star Game. He's joined on the NL roster for Tuesday night's game by Barry Larkin and Randy Johnson, both 40.

"Barry's a great player. Obviously, he's doing something to keep himself in great shape and somewhat healthy," Clemens said.


"I have had an opportunity to talk to Randy, and he works extremely hard, too. I would say it's really not a big secret. Those guys work hard, so that has something to do with it."

These baseball geezers aren't All-Stars just because of their reputations. A year after he had said he would retire, Clemens is 10-3 with a 2.62 ERA and 121 strikeouts in his first season with his hometown Houston Astros, increasing his wins total to 320, 14th on the career list.

Johnson, two months shy of 41, is 10-7 with a 2.99 ERA and a major league-leading 145 strikeouts for Arizona. Larkin is hitting .285 for Cincinnati with 33 RBIs.

And just behind them is upcoming birthday boy Barry Bonds, who turns 40 on July 24. Kenny Rogers, at 39, is an All-Star for the first time since 1995, and Tom Glavine and Moises Alou were picked at age 38.

Last year's 7-6 victory by the American League in Chicago marked a milestone for elderly



Celebrity Softball Game 11 a.m. Tuesday (30), AFN-Sports.

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All-Stars, with three players 40 or older playing for the first time — Clemens, Edgar Martinez and Jamie Moyer.

Clemens' first All-Star Game was in 1986, the last time it was in Houston, when he started in the AL's 3-2 victory at the Astrodome and threw three perfect innings. When Clemens opens at Minute Maid Park against Oakland's Mark Mulder, he will be nearly twice as old as the NL starter that night in the Astrodome, when 21-year-old Dwight Gooden became the youngest All-Star starting pitcher.

Larkin's first All-Star Game was in 1988.

"My first All-Star Game was in 1990 at Wrigley Field and obviously, I was in awe," Johnson said. "I didn't get in that game, but I enjoyed the moment and learned very quickly what an All-Star Game's all about and all the little fun things that go along with it. Now you've always got about at least a half-dozen kids



N.Y. Mets left-hander Tom Glavine, 38, is one of the youngsters on a National League All-Star team that features Roger Clemens (42), Randy Johnson (40), Barry Larkin (40) and Barry Bonds (39).

who are making it for the first time, and I tell them to enjoy it as much as they can and do all the festivities and take it all in because you don't know if it will be your last one."

Larkin's favorite All-Star memory occurred during the 1993 game at Baltimore's Camden Yards.

"I was on deck when John Kruk was hitting and Randy Johnson was on the mound and Randy threw a ball over John's head," Larkin recalled. "Oh my gosh, I laughed. Then I thought, 'Oh Lord, I've got to get up there next.'"

The current record for oldest All-Star starter is 41, set by Pete Rose in the 1982 game in Montreal's Olympic Stadium. Warren Spahn, then 40, was the oldest starting pitcher when he pitched three perfect innings to open the 1961 All-Star Game, at San Francisco's Candlestick Park.

Before last year, a trio of players 40 and over were selected as All-Stars twice, but all three didn't get into the game. Spahn

and Stan Musial played in 1962, but Hoyt Wilhelm didn't. While Rose and Carl Yastrzemski appeared in 1982, Phil Niekro didn't pitch.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig remembered how remarkable it was when Spahn remained an All-Star into his 40s.

"Thirty-five was considered old in those days," Selig said.

"I think they believed the great years in the career were 28 to 32. Once you hit 32, that was it, you were declining."

But now, players work out regularly during the season and in the winter, too. And they follow diets recommended by nutritionists.

Not too far from Minute Maid Park, Clemens has his own gym in a building next to his house.

"Once I made up my mind to come back and do this, I knew it was going to take a great deal of effort," Clemens said. "To maintain that high level of performance, there's a lot that goes into it. It didn't happen by accident."

AP Sports Writer R.B. Falstrom in St. Louis, and Joe Rostick in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Mulder, Clemens selected to start

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens will open the All-Star Game for the National League, throwing the first pitch to his nemesis, New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza.

Clemens, 10-3 with a 2.62 ERA for his hometown Houston Astros, was selected to start Monday by NL manager Jack McKeen of the Florida Marlins. Oakland's Mark Mulder was picked to start by AL manager Joe Torre of the New York Yankees.

Then with the New York Yankees, Clemens beamed Piazza in July 2000. In Game 2 of the World Series that October, he threw the jagged barrel of a shattered bat in the direction of Piazza, earning a \$50,000 fine.

While the pair aren't warm to each other, they repeatedly have said they don't foresee a problem working with each other.

Mulder, overshadowed by Clemens, is tied with Kenny Rogers for the major league lead with 11 wins, going 12-2 with a 3.21 ERA.

Ichiro Suzuki leads off for the AL and plays center field, followed by Detroit catcher Ivan Rodriguez, Anaheim right fielder Vladimir Guerrero, Boston left fielder Manny Ramirez, Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, Texas second baseman Alfonso Soriano and Mulder.

St. Louis shortstop Edgar Renteria leads off for the NL, followed by Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, San Francisco left fielder Barry Bonds, Cardinals third baseman Scott Rolen, Chicago Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa, Piazza, Houston center fielder Lance Berkman, Astros second baseman Jeff Kent and Clemens.

Berkman replaced injured Cincinnati outfielder Ken Griffey Jr.

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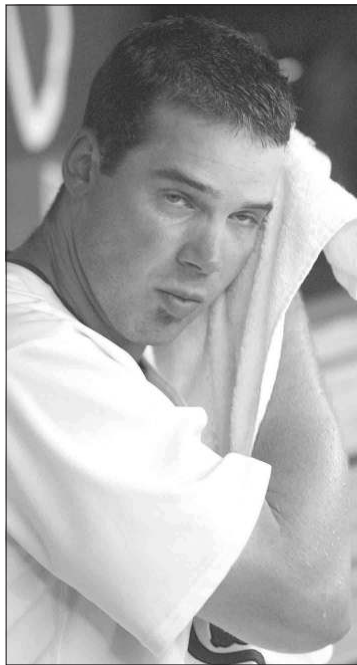
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St. Louis pitcher Chris Carpenter towels off after allowing four runs in the third inning on Sunday night in an 8-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs.

Strong-arm tactics

Hard-throwing Wood comes off disabled list to pitch flailing Cubs over first-place Cards

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kerry Wood came off the disabled list and kept the Chicago Cubs' six-game trip from being a total loss.

Wood won in his first start in two months and Sammy Sosa homered and drove in five runs, helping the Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-4 Sunday night to enter the All-Star break on a positive note.

"That was the biggest getaway victory we've had," manager Dusty Baker said. "Woody was outstanding."

The Cubs salvaged the final game of a six-game trip after managing only five runs over the first five games, and kept the National League's best team from completing a perfect homestand.

Wood said he didn't feel the pressure of the Cubs' slump or the Cardinals' streak.

"It was just a day to go out and get some work in and do the best I could," Wood said. "I wasn't worried about anything else that happened in the last five or six days."

"I guess that helped more than anything, not even thinking about it or worrying about it."

The Cardinals, who lead the Cubs in the NL Central by seven games, outscored opponents 45-13 in the first eight games of the homestand before Chris Carpenter was rocked in the final game before the All-Star break.

"I was one pitch away from getting out of the whole situation and I just couldn't make that pitch," Carpenter said. "I got the ball up and they were on it all night."



Kerry Wood looked like his old dominating self Sunday night after a two-month stay on the disabled list with right triceps tendinitis.

Wood (4-3), sidelined since May 11 with triceps tendinitis, gave up one run and three hits in five innings with five strikeouts and two walks. He threw 80 pitches in his first victory since beating the New York Mets with seven shutout innings on April 24.

Jim Edmonds homered in his fifth straight game for the Cardinals, hitting his 21st of the season in the fourth inning. St. Louis' 10-game winning streak at home came to an end in front of 49,250, the third straight sellout of the series.

The Cardinals scored three runs against LaTroy Hawkins in the ninth on Albert Pujols' RBI

single and sacrifice flies by Mike Matheny and Tony Womack.

Barrett also homered and drove in two runs for the Cubs, who avoided being swept in consecutive road series and won for only the ninth time in 40 games at Busch Stadium over the last five seasons.

Carpenter (9-4) struck out the first five batters on only 25 pitches, and retired the first two hitters in the third. He came unglued after right fielder Reggie Sanders twice mishandled the ball on Jose Macias' two-out single, allowing Macias to go to third.

"It was so exciting at the beginning with both guys just really nasty," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He had two outs, nobody on, and the next thing you look up there and there's four on the board."

Starting with Macias, 10 of the last 13 batters Carpenter faced reached safely. Sosa's three-run shot was the big hit of a four-run third and he chased Carpenter with a two-run single in the fourth that made it 6-0.

Carpenter, who was 3-0 against the Cubs with a 2.42 ERA, gave up six runs in 3 1/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season. Sosa's homer was the first off Carpenter in 33 innings over five games.

Sosa had 10 RBIs in his first 20 games since returning from the disabled list because of a sprained ligament in his lower back. He also homered on Saturday and hit his 16th homer to straightaway center in the third on Sunday.

Schmidt overpowers Arizona for 11th win in a row

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Schmidt wasn't around to celebrate his special victory. He was on his way to Houston to join his fellow All-Stars on a fitting trip for a starter who has won 11 straight decisions.

Schmidt became the first San Francisco pitcher in 42 years to win 11 consecutive decisions with a 9-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday.

"He's carried us," Giants second baseman Ray Durham said.

"We've definitely jumped on his back and that's why he's going to the All-Star Game. He's up among the upper echelon of No. 1 starters in the league."

Schmidt (11-2) hasn't lost since April 26, a span of 15 starts. Jack Sanford won 16 straight for the Giants during the 1962 season.

"In my opinion, he's the best pitcher in the National League," said Giants outfielder Dustan Mohr, who drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. "He's as dominant as I've ever played with. If we get him a little bit of a lead, we've got a good chance to win."

Schmidt retired 18 of the final 20 batters he faced and beat the Diamondbacks for the fifth straight time.

Schmidt allowed two runs and five hits



All-Star Jason Schmidt limited Arizona to two runs and five hits in eight innings on Sunday.

over eight innings. He walked two and struck out 10.

"It was typical Schmitt. Sometimes it takes a while to get going but once he finds his rhythm he's pretty good," catcher A.J. Pierzynski said.

"He was still throwing 95, 96 miles per hour after 120 pitches."

Durham homered and threw three RBIs and Pedro Feliz drove in two runs as the Giants won for the fourth time in five games. The Giants were 15-23 after losing to the

Pittsburgh Pirates on May 16. Two days later, Schmidt threw a one-hit shutout against the Chicago Cubs which sparked a 17-game turnaround heading into the break.

"I am happy about what was accomplished in the first half, considering some of the earlier nightmares," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "We've played up and down but we've managed to win games."

Luis Taverro had two hits, and Robby Hammon and Alex Cintron drove in runs for the Diamondbacks, who have lost six of seven overall and 12 of 13 on the road.

Padres 4, Rockies 2: Ryan Klecko hit his first homer in 152 at-bats and Mark Lorretta also connected as the host Padres snapped a four-game losing streak.

Klecko's two-run shot off Denny Stark (0-4) with one out in the third inning was just his second this season and fourth since the All-Star break a year ago.

Dodgers 7, Astros 4: Paul Du Duha hit his first career grand slam, and Jose Lima (8-3) pitched six innings for the host Dodgers.

Jose Hernandez drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the sixth.

The Dodgers snapped a four-game winning streak by Roy Oswalt (8-7).

Carlos Beltran selected to the NL All-Star team earlier in the day to replace injured Ken Griffey Jr., hit a tying two-run homer in the top of the sixth for the Astros.

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Montgomery out of picture



Greene wins 100 as record holder fails to qualify

BY BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Tim Montgomery and girlfriend Marion Jones can watch the Olympic 100 meters together. Neither one will be in the races.

Montgomery, the event's world record holder, finished seventh in the 100 final Sunday in the U.S. Olympic track and field trials, far behind the winner — his strutting, fist-pumping, longtime nemesis Maurice Greene.

One day earlier, Jones was fifth in the women's 100 final, losing out on a bid to defend her gold medal in the Athens Games.

Both left the track area amid a horde of reporters, pausing only long enough to rip the media for the coverage of the steroid scandal that has unfolded around them.

"This is the reason I didn't win: I've got y'all on my back," Montgomery said. "I have to deal with y'all every day."

Montgomery has bigger problems away from the track: The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has accused him of using steroids and other performance enhancing drugs. If found guilty, he could be banned from the sport for life.

Montgomery has taken his case directly to the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, where the decision is binding.

He is one of four sprinters accused by USADA with steroid use.

If found guilty, they all face lifetime bans.

Michelle Collins, one of those facing the charges and a favorite in the women's 400, withdrew from the meet Sunday, citing a hamstring injury, her coach said. George Williams, also the coach of the U.S. Olympic men's team, said she phoned him from Texas to say she was injured on the warm-up track in Sacramento and had returned home.

Another member of that quartet, Chryste Gaines, failed to qualify in the women's 100.

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Maurice Greene, right, wins the 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic track trials Sunday, followed by Justin Gatlin (lane 5) and Shawn Crawford (lane 6). World-record holder Tim Montgomery, obscured in lane 1, finished seventh and did not qualify for the Athens Games.



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